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'Green cards' will soon be in the pink

WASHINGTON: Aug 25, (AP): "Green cards" verifying an alien's permanent resident status in the United States have been off-white since 1977. But they are being changed to pink to curtail a black market in the documents, an official said yesterday.

"You can buy a lousy reproduction" of the old green cards for \$5,000 to \$10,000 said Immigration and Naturalisation Service spokesman Verne Jervis.

"But people have been known to pay \$20,000," he said. "It depends on how much money the person is willing to pay. Some people will pay an almost unend-

ing amount of money" for the cards, he said.

Card holders have all the rights and privileges of US citizens, except that they cannot vote, may not leave the country for more than a year without losing permanent resident status and do not hold US passports, he said.

The new cards will be phased in over time, said Jervis.

Production of the new cards began Aug 1 at the immigration card facility in Arlington, Texas. The \$4 million changeover of equipment will be complete within a few months. Until then, some of the cards

being issued will remain the familiar off-white colour, he said.

The INS changed the cards for several reasons, he said.

"One, it's an improved card, as far as duplicating it is concerned," he said. "It has some additional security features, such as the special ink" that helps combat forgeries.

"Another reason is that the equipment that we have been producing the card on for the last 12 years is due for a replacement anyway," Jervis said. "New technology has evolved — during that time, as long as we have to get new equipment, we may as

well take advantage of the new technology."

One feature of the new card is a stamped expiration date, he said. The laminated cards will be valid for 10 years.

The cards also have the individual's picture, fingerprint, name, date of birth and file number on the front and encoded information on the back, he said.

The new cards, due to their encoded information, will enable those who want replacements to apply by mail rather than in person, which had been required for the old cards, he said.



Scientists Tsui, left, Collins, centre, and Riordan celebrate their breakthrough with cystic fibrosis victim Ashely Dryer, 4. (Reuter wirephoto)

Doctors stalk killer

Cystic fibrosis gene isolated

NEW YORK, Aug 25, (AP): Researchers announced yesterday that they had discovered and isolated the gene that causes cystic fibrosis, a landmark finding that could lead to new treatments for the devastating killer of young people.

Robert Dresing, president of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, called the gene discovery "the most significant scientific breakthrough" in the fight against the disease in the last four decades.

"We can finally look into the eyes of children and young adults with cystic fibrosis and tell them that the door to their future has been opened," Dresing said.

The discovery should help reveal just what goes wrong in the body to cause the disease, which in turn may suggest how to treat the root of the disease rather than just its effects, scientists said.

The work will also help permit greatly expanded testing to identify people who unknowingly carry the gene in a defective form that causes the disease and who could pass it along to offspring, said researcher Lap-Chee Tsui.

These "carriers" remain healthy because they carry only a single copy of a defective form of the newfound gene. The disease does not appear unless a person inherits two defective copies, one from each parent.

Currently, carriers can be identified only if their family has had a case of cystic fibrosis, and even then

not all carriers can be detected. Knowing the gene should eventually make testing available to the general population, scientists said.

Tsui, of the Hospital for Sick Children Research Institute in Toronto, Canada, spoke in a telephone interview before.

Tsui, Jack Riordan of the institute and Francis Collins of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute and the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor led the research team, which also included scientists from the Frederick Cancer Research Facility in Frederick, Maryland, and the University of Pittsburgh.

Cystic fibrosis is the most common lethal genetic disease of young people in North America, afflicting about 30,000 US citizens, according to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation in Bethesda, Maryland.

The disease makes the body produce abnormally thick, sticky mucus that close the lungs and digestive system, interfering with breathing and digestion.

Half of patients die before reaching their mid-20s, mostly from repeated lung infections.

For cystic fibrosis, the discovery of the gene is "the most exciting event since this disease was first described in the medical literature 50 years ago," said Robert Beall, executive vice-president for medical affairs at the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, which helped support the research.

Men not as sexy as they think: poll

NEW YORK, Aug 25, (UPI): A third of the 1,100 women polled for a nation-wide survey released Tuesday believe men aren't as good sex partners as they would like to think they are and more than 25 percent wish their sex lives were more satisfying.

The survey, commissioned by Self magazine and conducted by two independent research firms, also found that 80 per cent of the women polled said they will not start a new sexual relationship unless it consists only of safe sex.

The poll of 1,100 women between the ages of 18-49 found that sex ranked fifth in importance in a marriage, behind communication, appreciation, companionship and being able to share children and chores.

The "new diversity" study, conducted by Significance Inc. and Langer Associates said 46 per cent of the women polled believe men are not as good sexual partners as they would like.

Twenty-eight per cent of the women polled said they wish their sex lives were more satisfying.

The survey also indicated that more women are becoming increasingly independent, with 34 per cent saying they have seriously considered raising a child as a single mother.

And, contrary to the rule of the old male, only one in 10 unmarried women feels they could not be happy without a permanent relationship with a man and only 25 per cent agreed that being single is lonely.

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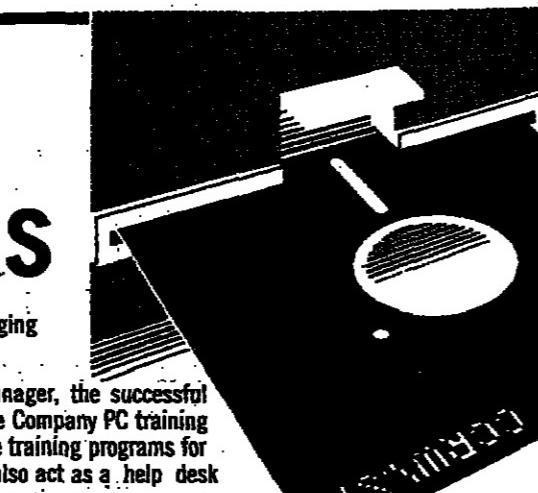
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PEOPLE AND PLACES

PLYMOUTH, England: Canadian Jane Weber sailed into Plymouth in Southwest England late on Wednesday night at the end of a solo crossing of the Atlantic Ocean aboard her 13-metre (43-foot) yacht, Tilley Endurance.

She is the first Canadian woman to sail across the Atlantic single-handed.

Tired but obviously elated, the 44-year-old woman received a tumultuous welcome at Plymouth's Millbay Marina from a group of Canadians that had gathered to greet her. (AP)

SAN ANTONIO, Texas: A 6-year-old boy who became trapped in an abandoned water main for 30 minutes after climbing in on a dare was freed when paramedics poured dishwashing liquid on his body to make him slippery enough to pull him out.

Bobby Pitterman was taken to a hospital with minor injuries after the ordeal on Wednesday night. The pipe in which he got stuck was about 1 foot (0.3 metres) in diameter and about 3 feet (one metre) deep.

"We got him to relax, and as soon as we got him to relax enough, we got him to slide out" by lubricating his body with the dishwashing liquid, paramedic David Willis said. (AP)

VENICE, Italy: This year's Venice Film Festival will feature 23 films from 21 countries in the competition for the Golden Lion award, festival director Guglielmo Braghini said on Wednesday.

Organisers said the festival also will feature a homage to French author and film-maker Jean Cocteau to commemorate the 100th anniversary of his birth.

The festival which runs from Sept 3 to Sept 15, opens with Mahabharata, a film directed by Peter Brook that is based on an ancient Sanscrit play.

(AP)

ALEXANDRIA, Virginia: A US judge on Wednesday refused to stop distribution of a book about former Marine Sgt Clayton Lockette, who was court-martialed in the sex-for-secrets scandal at the US embassy in Moscow.

Lockette, formerly of St Paul, Minnesota, claimed that the book The Court-Martial of Clayton Lockette, is based on confidential information obtained by his defence team and jeopardises his appeal. His complaint filed earlier this month named publisher Henry Holt and Co. Inc., of New York and sought \$100,000 in punitive damages. (AP)

TORONTO: Ben Johnson, the sprinter who was stripped of his Olympic gold medal, received a probationary sentence for pointing a starter's pistol at another driver in a highway confrontation.

Johnson had pleaded innocent to assault and weapons possession charges, but changed his plea on Tuesday when prosecutors agreed to drop the weapons charge.

"Ben's plea of guilty was based on the premise that when the incident with the cars arose he felt that he had to take some action," said his lawyer, Martin Kerbel.

The lawyer said that pointing a starter's pistol at a motorist who tried to prevent Johnson from passing on the shoulder of a highway last fall "may have been somewhat excessive." (AP)

LOS ANGELES: A drifter charged with 13 "night stalkery" murders shouted out that his trial is a "joke" and called the judge an obscenity as the deputies hauled him to his feet and took him out of court.

The outburst came on Wednesday during a hearing from which defendant Richard Ramirez had asked through his attorney to be excluded. The judge insisted he appear.

"Hey, I don't want to be here. Don't you understand, man? What's the problem?" Ramirez, 29, shouted from his chair as superior court judge Michael Tynan tried to proceed. (AP)

NEXT: NEWPORT BEACH, California: A pilot charged with resisting arrest after flying in restricted airspace over former President Ronald Reagan's home last year was found innocent.

A municipal court jury on Tuesday found Douglas Davis of the misdemeanour charge.

"I just feel super, great. It feels good to be a free man again," said Davis, 44.

Davis' attorney, Scott Raphael, said the decision bolsters his client's \$1 million civil suit, which contends that an Orange county sheriff's deputy used excessive force against him while he was detained for questioning by US agents. (AP)

(AP)

NEXT: NEW ORLEANS: A section of the historic Pontalba apartments, said to be the first apartments built in the United States, collapsed on Wednesday into Jackson Square, in the heart of New Orleans' French quarter.

No one was hurt.

The three-story building was completed in 1851 and, with a companion building on the opposite side of Jackson Square, was undergoing a \$10 million renovation in 1990.

He said he planned to hold a news conference at his Boston office this morning.

Frank said he met the man, whom he identified as Steve Gobie, through an "escort-model" advertisement in a Washington newspaper for homosexuals. He admitted having paid to have sex with Gobie, but said the relationship later became one of friendship.

"He was a male prostitute and I thought he was... smart enough to do something else," Frank told the AP. "I said he should get a job."

Frank said he hired Gobie as a personal assistant to do work around his house, drive his car and run errands. Frank said he paid Gobie with his own money — not government funds.

"He was using me. I didn't see that," Frank said.

But he added that he had no first-hand proof that Gobie was running a prostitution service from Frank's apartment.

Frank said he became suspicious when his landlady told him there were "strange goings-on" at the house when he was away.

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NEXT: ATLANTA: Not everyone attending Willie Nelson's concert was there just to hear the music. Two Georgian farmers also wanted to shake his hand.

"I would like to thank Mr Nelson for his help because without him I wouldn't be farming," said Frederick Hall, who along with Carl Whitehead met briefly with Nelson backstage before the Sunday night concert at Chastain Park.

Nelson is president of Farms Aid Inc., a non-profit organisation that has raised \$10 million over the last four years for needy farmers. Sunday's show was not a farm aid benefit. (AP)

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NEXT: NEW YORK: Malcolm Forbes said his children ultimately will pay for his lavish birthday party in Morocco and that he won't try to write it off his income taxes as a business expense.

"My children gave me the party. I'm picking up the tab. But in a few years they'll be picking up the business and so what I have spent on this birthday party in effect is coming out of their inheritance," Forbes said Wednesday.

The business magazine publishers had come under criticism over published reports quoting him and his son, Malcolm Forbes Jr., as saying they considered some of the \$2 million in party costs to be business expenses. That led to speculation that Forbes was planning to use part of the birthday tab as a tax deduction.

In a news conference Wednesday, Forbes said that while a case could be made for using the party costs as a business deduction, "not a penny" would be written off.

"It was never planned to be a tax-deductible trip,"

Forbes said. "Where people got the notion ... I presume they got it because three-quarters of the people there are major advertisers in Forbes magazine."

Business expenses generally are at least partly tax deductible.

Forbes' 70th birthday party last weekend in Tangier on the north coast of Africa featured 600 belly dancers, 200 berber horsemen, pigeon pie served under elaborate tents and a guest list that included Elizabeth Taylor, Henry Kissinger, Barbara Walters and Rupert Murdoch.



The eyes have it

US First Lady Barbara Bush crosses her eyes in reaction to a reporter's question on Wednesday after a morning session of tennis. A team of medical

specialists prescribed medicine for Mrs Bush on Tuesday for eye problems from an ongoing thyroid imbalance. (Reuter wirephoto)

Official hired call boy

Album caused deaths

Judas Priest on trial

RENO, Nevada, Aug 25, (AP): A judge has ruled that a lawsuit may go to trial to determine if any subliminal messages on a heavy metal Judas Priest album led to a suicide pact between two Reno youths.

Washoe District Judge Jerry Whitehead ruled Wednesday that subliminal message don't enjoy rights of freedom of speech guaranteed in the US Constitution's First Amendment because they are aimed at the subconscious.

Whitehead said he found it difficult to accept that any expert could say the "Stained Glass" album. But he said the issue should be decided by a jury.</p



Drug patrol

Officer Steve Freese leans up against an alley wall in the International District of Seattle recently, as he looks for illegal activities. Seattle Police bike patrol officers are using mountain bikes to sweep quickly and quietly down alleys and streets catching drug dealers with the drugs in their hands. (Reuter wirephoto)

To live and die in NY

Dangerous Big Apple

NEW YORK, Aug 25, (AP): Five homicide per day is the norm in the Big Apple, but it doesn't take a drug-crazed gunman to kill you here — death can be as close as the nearest street corner.

Ellen Sauer had just decided to take a nap last Saturday evening when a steam pipe exploded beneath the street outside her Manhattan apartment building, killing her and two electric company workers who had responded to what had been a routine call.

Random death can happen in any town, but in New York City — where murders hit an all-time high last year, where the infrastructure is deteriorating, where high-rise construction can be fatal — the odds are a little higher.

In the past two months, numerous other New Yorkers found themselves in the wrong place at the wrong time:

■ An apparent leak of natural gas set off an explosion, burying Reginald Boyne beneath a ton of brick in his home on July 15.

■ A stoop on a building collapsed, crushing a 10-year-old girl and her 11-year-old friend while they were playing a week earlier.

■ A beer bottle thrown from a 15-story building struck a passing 4-year-old girl on the head on June 17. Sheena Fuller died five days later.

Kids battered, none bothered

NEW YORK, Aug 25, (UPI): Neighbors who lived near a man suspected of holding his family in subjugation, molesting and torturing his nine children, said they reported the abuse a year ago but were ignored, it was reported Wednesday.

Herman McMillan, 42, and his wife Frances, 34, were arrested Monday following revelations that had beaten their children, ranging in age from four months to 16 years, with sticks and belts and sexually assaulted them inside the family's filthy, cramped two-room apartment.

Neighbors said they complained about the abuse to police and to the special services for children division of the city's Human Resources Administration a year ago, the daily news reported Wednesday.

The neighbors told the newspaper there was no response to their reports.

Soviet link in Palme slaying

Defence seeks probe

STOCKHOLM, Aug 25, (Agencies): An attorney for the convicted killer of Prime Minister Olof Palme said today he would seek an investigation for evidence of a Soviet connection to the slaying.

Walter Kego and Jan-Henrik Barrig, members of Sapo, the Swedish security police, believed that tapes recorded in the apartment of a Soviet diplomat indicated that the Soviets were involved in the 1986 killing, according to a report today in the Svenska Dagbladet newspaper.

"This must be investigated further," Pettersson's defence attorney Arne Liljeros was quoted as saying to Swedish radio.

The Dagbladet report said Kego and Barrig's theory was dismissed by other analysts in Sapo and by police who investigated the murder.

Christen Pettersson, 42, was presented at the trial as a violent loner who abused drugs and alcohol, and acted on his own in shooting Palme.

Pettersson, a career criminal, was convicted July 27 of killing Palme. He has asked that the conviction be overturned for lack of evidence. The appeal is to be heard next month.

Pettersson was identified by Palme's widow as

being present at the scene of the shooting. November, no one testified they say Pettersson shot Palme. No weapon was ever found and no motive was established.

The Soviet diplomat, who was not identified by name, left Sweden in 1987 under suspicion of espionage, the report said. The eavesdropping was carried out from 1985 until 1987. The Aftonbladet daily said experts from the US Central Intelligence Agency assisted in the operation.

According to state-owned Swedish Television, the alleged Soviet military intelligence (Gru) officer, who worked in Stockholm as a diplomat until his recall in 1987, was held under total surveillance from 1985, including the night of Feb 28, 1986 when Palme was gunned down in central Stockholm.

An analysis by Sweden's secret police (Sapo) led to the conclusion the Soviet Union was aware that Palme was to be murdered, the report said, quoting several independent unnamed sources.

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Sex trip brings Yamashita's fall

TOKYO, Aug 25, (UPI): Japan entered a new era of higher standards of conduct for politicians today when a key cabinet minister resigned after admitting he had an extra-marital affair with a 21-year-old bar hostess.

The resignation of Chief Cabinet Secretary Tokuo Yamashita, 69, sets a new standard for Japanese politicians who, unlike their Western counterparts, have traditionally been immune to the public airing of sex scandals.

Yamashita is the first Japanese cabinet minister to resign specifically because of a sex scandal, and politicians said it marks a change in what is expected of them.

"We have to listen to what the public wants and what they are insisting upon," said Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu, whose two-week-old administration has been shaken by the affair.

Japan, a staunchly male-dominated society, has

traditionally ignored extramarital affairs of politicians, and some even boasted of their number of lovers.

"The moral standards are changing," said Seiichi Ota, a member of parliament from Kaifu's Liberal Democratic Party, the ruling party for 34 years. "We need to change our way of thinking entirely."

Kaifu is scheduled to meet with President Bush in Washington next week, and the domestic

turmoil will undoubtedly cut into his time to prepare for the discussions on trade and other foreign affairs.

Japan's government and particularly the Liberal Democratic Party have been moving from one crisis to the next all year.

"There is a lesson to be learned," said Toshio Yamaguchi, an LDP member of parliament.

"We all have to discipline ourselves and be cautious so we won't be attacked by the woman

force."

Finance Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto, who is married, said, "I myself have fallen in love many times. In that respect I do not think I can comment or criticise others."

Some within the Liberal Democratic Party question whether the party could survive if all the members who had extramarital affairs were forced to resign.

Before resigning Yamashita

confirmed a report in a weekly magazine that said he had a 3½-2-year affair with a bar hostess who worked in a posh Tokyo entertainment district and that he paid her \$21,000 shortly before he took office.

Kaifu named as Yamashita's successor Mayumi Moriyama, 61, director-general of the environment agency, whose duties will include serving as chief government spokeswoman and co-ordinator.



Yamashita: not so rewarding

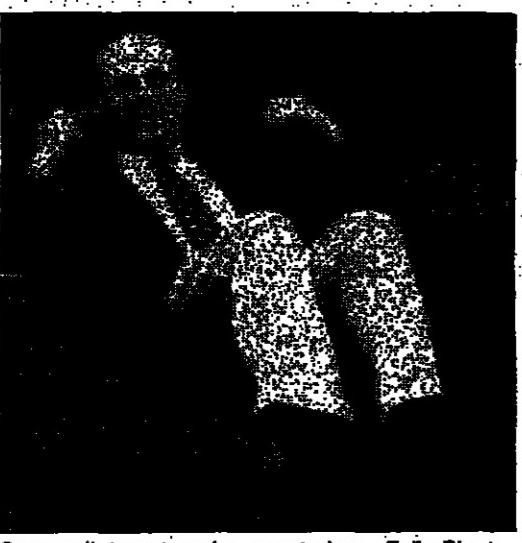


Moriyama: first woman



Beauty adored

American Julia Jones (centre) from San Francisco, who was elected Lady Universe 1989 during a contest in Madonne di Campiglio, Italy, is flanked by Yugoslav Klaia Kravulovic (left) Lady Europe 1989, and Italian Kika Kolin Lady Italy 1989. (Reuter wirephoto)



Career diplomat and suspected spy Felix Bloch enjoys a swing during an outing to a Georgetown park. (Reuter wirephoto)

Thames death toll 50: Police searching the river Thames found two more bodies overnight, bringing to 50 the number of people killed when a pleasure boat was rammed by a dredger four days earlier, authorities said yesterday.

Meanwhile, people in the London borough of Southwark said money was needed to help the dependents both of survivors and those who died. (AP)

Pan Am tragedy: Relatives of those killed on Pan Am Flight 103 met yesterday with Scotland's Lord Advocate, the man in charge of the investigation into the terrorist bombing that killed 270 people.

A spokesman for Lord Fraser, Scotland's chief prosecutor, and Bert Annermark, US President of the Victims of Pan Am Flight 103, said the 90-minute private meeting at the Crown Office in Edinburgh was informative and fruitful. The plane blew up over Lockerbie, Scotland Dec. 21. (AP)

Mexico murder trial: The brother-in-law of former Mexican President Luis Echeverria has appeared before a federal grand jury investigating the 1985 murder of US drug agent Enrique Camarena.

Ruben Zamo-Arc, 59, a prominent Mexican businessman suspected in involvement in drug trafficking, was brought to the panel's hearing room yesterday after being granted immunity from prosecution for anything he may disclose while testifying secretly. (AP)

Hurricane Erin: Hurricane Erin strengthened slightly yesterday as it crossed Atlantic shipping lanes, but forecasters expected it to fizzle out quickly when it reached colder northern waters.

Erin's 90-mile-per-hour (145-kilometre-per-hour) winds forced ships to veer southwest, said Gil Clark of the National Hurricane Centre. The storm was no threat to land, however. (AP)

Royal visit: The Prince and Princess of Wales will visit Hong Kong as planned in November, but they will not be going to China, Buckingham Palace announced today.

Previously it had been said the visit to Hong Kong would not go ahead.

There were fears of protests by residents worried about the Chinese takeover in 1997.

The British colony has been increasingly fearful about its future since China put down pro-democracy protests last June.

More cash for arms sought

TOKYO, Aug 25, (Reuters): Japan's Defence Agency, citing a continued threat from the Soviet Union, today asked for an increase in spending next year to cover new ships, tanks and aircraft.

Agency officials said a 6.35 per cent increase in the annual budget starting next April 1 also was needed to shoulder a bigger share of the cost of keeping US troops in the country.

The budget request is for 4,169 billion yen (\$29 billion), up 249 billion (\$1.7 billion) over the current year's budget.

The Defence Agency wants to buy 30 newly developed tanks, 112 aircraft and 21 warships.



A South Korean radical student throws a firebomb at riot police at the gate of the Hankuk University of Foreign Studies. (Reuter wirephoto)

Student leader alive in China jail

BEIJING, Aug 25, (Reuters): Wang Dan, the student leader who topped China's list of most wanted activists until his arrest last month, has been beaten in jail but is alive, police sources said today.

They said Wang had been pummelled in the early days of detention but was now being held with other political prisoners and his treatment had improved.

He was not co-operating with his captors, refusing to answer questions, they added.

China has not told its own people of the capture of Wang Dan, a 24-year-old history student at Beijing University, though a government spokesman confirmed his arrest to Japanese journalists last week.

In the absence of an official statement, Wang was rumoured variously to have been executed or beaten to death by his captors.

Guangdong provincial radio in Canton confirmed yesterday the arrest of Zheng Xengnang, another of China's 21 most wanted political activists, bringing to eight the number of those in detention.

Student leader Wuerkai fled to the West after the bloody military crackdown on pro-democracy protesters in Beijing on June 3-4. Cai Liang, one of two women on the list, is believed to be in hiding in China though some reports say she escaped through Hong Kong to Australia.

The sources did not say where Wang was being held but other intellectuals who have been rounded up since June are believed to be at Qin Cheng prison on the outskirts of Beijing.

Beatings are not uncommon in Chinese jails. Another recently released detainee spotted on a Beijing street corner said he had been beaten repeatedly during more than a month in police custody. He looked drawn and was barely recognisable.

Several foreign journalists were beaten by Chinese plainclothes police during detention after the Army smashed its way into Beijing, killing hundreds, perhaps thousands of people.

Meanwhile, authorities today stepped up attacks against ousted Communist Party leader Zhao Ziyang in what may be a ground-work campaign to put him on trial, calling for more criticism of his errors and saying "his influence must be eradicated."

The Guangming Daily, a party newspaper aimed at intellectuals, feathered a front-page article detailing Zhao's responsibility for the pro-democracy protests leading to the military crackdown in June, and said "the people and party paid for his serious mistakes in blood."

■ Beijing residents over the age of 16 have been ordered to carry their identification cards at all times for possible checks by police and martial law troops.

■ The education commission on Wednesday replaced the president of Beijing University, whose students helped lead the spring pro-democracy movement that was put down in June.

Ding Shizhen was the second university president replaced since the protests, and more replacements were anticipated as the ruling Communist Party moves to prevent renewed campus unrest.

■ Recent college graduates now working for the government will have their political thinking polished in "grass-roots" work units, officials said yesterday.

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■ Man slain: A 28-year-old man was shot dead in front of his wife early today by attackers who pursued him through his house, police said.

John Anthony Maginn was shot through a window while watching television with his wife in their home in Rathfriland, 25 miles (45 kilometres) southwest of Belfast, police said.

He ran upstairs to escape, but the attackers broke in and pursued him, shooting him several more times, police said.

His wife and four children, sleeping upstairs, were unharmed. (AP)

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Mazowiecki, in office, faces the music

WARSAW, Poland, Aug 25, (AP): Premier Tadeusz Mazowiecki, on his first full day in office today, met with the Soviet ambassador and was commended by Moscow for his "sensible and constructive approach" to the Warsaw Pact alliance.

The Solidarity premier also met with top US government officials, who promised to try to find ways to funnel more Western aid to Poland.

The quick meetings with representatives of the two superpowers underscored the international significance of the election of Mazowiecki, a close adviser to Solidarity leader Lech Walesa and former political prisoner now charged with forming Poland's first non-communist-led government in 45 years.

Vladimir Brovko, the Soviet ambassador to Poland, congratulated Mazowiecki on his election yesterday, a government spokesman said. But no immediate details were available from their meeting.

Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman Yuri Gremitskikh told reporters in Moscow today that Soviet officials were "happy to hear" Mazowiecki's remarks yesterday that Poland would stay in the Warsaw Pact and Comecon Socialist Economic Alliance.

"The sensible and constructive approach by the head of the Polish government to these issues, which have paramount significance for the peoples of the two countries, coincides with our wishes," Gremitskikh said.

US Senate minority leader Bob Dole, who met earlier today with Mazowiecki, said he apologised for having the "temerity" to arrive just a day after Mazowiecki's election as the East bloc's first non-communist government leader.

Dole said Mazowiecki replied: "He who helps early, helps twice." In other words, it is very important now to keep up the momentum and let the Polish

people see some change."

Dole said he would carry that message back to US President George Bush, US Labour Secretary

of reforming a state administration filled with bureaucrats and overhauling the economic system.

"In the critical economic conditions after 45 years of monopoly rule by the Communist Party, the hope of society turns to a man who devoted all his life to the struggle for Poland," Walesa said in a statement.

Mazowiecki reciprocated with praise of Walesa, telling a news conference in Warsaw that the 1983 Nobel peace prize winner engineered the plan that ended in his installation as prime minister.

Walesa said former ruling teams failed to

introduce genuine reforms and merely gave empty speeches.

"Society has had enough words," he said. "It will be hard to explain to the people that we shall not deceive it."

Walesa said he would assist Mazowiecki in his difficult task of fulfilling his mission.

Walesa said Mazowiecki took over the country in such a state of devastation by the communists that no government in the world could quickly rebuild it.

Walesa, however, praised the communist deputies who supported Mazowiecki in the Sejm.



Walesa: joy

Take me to court: Singh

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account in the bank. The deposits published in the pro-opposition India Express quoted the bank's former chairman, Terence V. Pinto, and former secretary of Madras, who identified as Anil S., as saying the brother of the Singh brothers deposited money in the bank. The largest amount held by a single depositor did not exceed \$3 million, they added.

The Arab Times, quoting Indian political sources, reported last Sunday that Singh deposited \$21 million in the bank in 1986 and 1987. The deposits, ranging from \$2 million to \$5 million, were allegedly made while Singh was the finance minister in Rajiv Gandhi's government.

The allegation caused a furor in opposition ranks with Singh vehemently denying the charges.

Arif Mohammed Khan, an MP and a close associate of Singh, vowed to quit politics if allegations against Singh are substantiated.

In an interview with the Arab Times, Khan said: "I quit politics if the Arab Times can produce documents which are not forged."

He blamed Rajiv Gandhi and his "minions" for the campaign to discredit Singh.

In his letter to Rajiv Singh accused the prime minister of hatching plots against him including the one to "eliminate me by an accident."

Our special Caribbean correspondent reports after investigating and interviewing government officials, local businessmen, banking officials, and other reliable sources in St. Kitts and elsewhere:

1. The tiny eastern Caribbean island of St. Kitts has during the last four years attempted to establish itself as an offshore banking centre to rival the Cayman Islands. Although it is a relatively new player in the game of offshore banking, St. Kitts has established banking laws which are extremely attractive to secret banking. Penalties for bankers breaking bank secrecy laws may include up to five years in prison. The International Herald Tribune newspaper recently described St. Kitts as "the new paradise for secret money."

2. The charter of the First Trust Corporation Limited was issued in the form or a letter from the government of St. Christopher and Nevis. We have officially requested that the government provide us a certified copy of that charter letter. The government has responded that it will comply with our request, but that this will take 14 to 21 days. We are attempting to expedite that process.

3. Because a certified copy of the charter letter is not immediately available, we have contacted Tapley Seaton, Attorney General of St. Christopher and Nevis, who has confirmed that he has personal knowledge that the First Trust Corporation Ltd. existed and operated in St. Kitts in the period during which V.P. Singh is alleged to have been the beneficiary of the bank's numbered account 29479.

4. Although we have been unable to reach him, we have been told that Powell, Deputy Prime Minister of St. Christopher and Nevis, is also willing and able to confirm that The First Trust Corporation Ltd. was a fully chartered and licensed trust company which operated in St. Kitts during the period from 1986 to 1988.

Throughout its existence, the physical offices of The First Trust Corporation Ltd. were located on the ground floor of the Palm Arcade, the Circus, in Basseterre, the capital of St. Kitts. Also located in the Palm Arcade in Basseterre while The First Trust Corporation Ltd. was there were offices of the Royal Bank of Canada and of The Bank of the Eastern Caribbean. A number of employees of these banks and other neighbouring businesses have confirmed that they remember the Palm Arcade offices of The First Trust Corporation Ltd.

5. There are two types of banking licences available in St. Kitts. The first is an ordinary banking licence. The First Trust Corporation Ltd. had the second type of licence, which is a trust company licence. Under the laws of St. Christopher and Nevis, a company chartered and licensed to operate as a trust company cannot provide full-service banking but must operate much like a building society in the United Kingdom or a savings & loan institution in the United States of America.

6. The business of The First Trust Corporation Ltd. was limited to private banking for a small number of clients. It had no tellers. The size of its staff ranged between three and five employees.

Bulgaria has sentenced three activists to prison term ranging from six to ten months after they publicized the plight of ethnic Turks in Bulgaria, emigre sources said.

The three were convicted in a closed-door trial in the city of Varna for violating Article 2/3 of the Bulgarian penal code prohibiting slander against state power.

They had gathered signatures on a petition demanding better treatment of Turks and telephoned its results to Western radio stations, emigre sources reported.

The three were identified as Shukri Sherifov, Ali Topalov and Mariela Octavian Livan.

Ozal meets Mitsotakis

ANTALYA, Aug 25, (AP): Premier Turkey Ozal met today with the head of Greece's New Democracy Party, Constantine Mitsotakis, during a convention of the European Democratic Union.

Ozal told a news conference after the two-hour private meeting that he and Mitsotakis exchanged views on bilateral issues including the Cyprus problem, military control of the Aegean Sea and disputes over air space, the semi-official Anatolia News Agency reported.

"This meeting will help develop the relations between the two countries," Ozal said.

Mitsotakis told reporters that Cyprus stood as the major problem in bilateral disputes and it would not be possible to solve other problems before finding a solution to Cyprus issue.

Cyprus was divided into northern and southern sectors after Turkish troops invaded the island in 1974 following an Athens-backed coup.

108 get refuge, but crisis remains

BONN, Aug 25, (Agencies): East German refugees have ended their occupation of Bonn's embassy in Budapest and begun new lives in the West but the two German states remain locked in a diplomatic stand-off.

West German officials, pleased at having arranged safe passage yesterday for 108 refugees who had occupied the mission, said the next move was up to East Berlin.

"Now it is East Germany's turn to make proposals that will lead to a lasting and humanitarian solution to the refugee problem," Chancellery Minister Rudolf Seijters said in an interview published today.

"A continuation of the present situation will not only further weaken the international reputation of East Germany, it could also put considerable strain on bilateral relations," he told the newspaper Rheinische Post.

Thousands of East Germans have fled across Hungary's border with Austria since fortifications were dismantled in May. About 800 are still camping in Budapest hoping to get permission to emigrate, according to charity workers.

There are also about 150 East Germans in Bonn's Prague embassy and another 116 in its East Berlin mission, all hoping to win exit visas to West Germany.

East Berlin accuses the West Germans of gross interference in its internal affairs and of trying to lure its citizens across the border.

Bonn demands that East Germans grant its people basic freedoms such as the right to travel abroad. It says reform of the communist system would encourage East Germans to stay at home.

The surprise departure of the refugees from Budapest was arranged between the Hungarian and West German governments with the help of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).

Senior West German Foreign Ministry official Juergen Suedhoff described the arrangement as "a good practical piece of discreet diplomacy."

But he said: "What we saw that night cannot be repeated."

Bonn's insistence that Budapest had allowed the refugees out as a humanitarian gesture that would not be repeated appeared to have fallen on deaf ears among some of the East Germans still outside the embassy.

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IJI accused of rigging

ISLAMABAD, Aug 25, (KUNA): Federally ruling Pakistan People's Party has challenged the unofficial result of a by-election in the Punjab yesterday in which a candidate of the rival Islami Jamhoori Ittehad alliance was declared elected to a provincial assembly seat by a huge margin.

Two PPP leaders of the Punjab province, which is ruled by IJI party, in a joint statement last night alleged that the IJI defeated the PPP candidate by large-scale rigging.

Anti-apartheid protests flare

De Klerk, Mobutu agree to work for Angola peace

CAPE TOWN, Aug 25, (Agencies): South African riot police opened fire on demonstrating school and university students in two separate locations today, wounding at least six people with shotgun pellets, witnesses said.

In a further clampdown on anti-apartheid protest, police banned a rally today to protest against a scheduled rugby union match in Cape Town tomorrow between South Africa's Springboks and a touring International XV.

Zambian President Kenneth Kaunda, who meets acting South African President F.W. De Klerk next week, called on Pretoria's ruling National Party today to lift the ban on black political movements in order to improve chances for peace.



Soviets demonstrate

Special Soviet riot police break up a Moscow demonstration backing the Baltic states' drive for freedom. (Reuter wirephoto)

Trust us: Kremlin

Baltic people told to cool down

TALLINN, USSR, Aug 25, (AP): Pravda yesterday said the hundreds of thousands of people in the Baltic republics who joined hands in call for freedom should trust the reforms championed by President Mikhail S. Gorbachev.

Noting the "so-called mood" in Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia, the top Communist Party newspaper said reforms granting greater local control to the republics were an answer to the longing for independence among residents of the Baltics.

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UN efforts to revive Gulf talks

GENEVA, Aug. 25. (Reuters): UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar is trying to arrange a high-level meeting with Iraq and Iran at next month's non-aligned summit in Belgrade, UN sources said today.

Pursuing peace efforts in the Gulf, Perez de Cuellar's office has asked to meet the heads of both delegations to the summit in Belgrade and is assuming he will have

separate talks at least with the two foreign ministers and possibly the presidents.

The meetings could be the first between the UN chief and presidents of the two neighbours since the Gulf war ceasefire of Aug. 20, 1988, and could help revive peace talks bogged down in discord over troop withdrawals and dredging a river.

"It's always useful to have meetings at the

highest level," one source said. "If it would happen it would be interesting."

The secretary-general's personal envoy for the Gulf, Jay Eliasson, today ended two days of talks with officials from Iran and Iraq to prepare for the September 4-7 tripartite summit in Belgrade of the 102-member Non-Aligned Movement.

The former president of Iran, Ali

Khamenei, attended the last non-aligned summit in Zimbabwe in 1986. His successor, Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, has met Perez de Cuellar before, but not as president and it was not clear if he would come.

Iraqi President Saddam Hussein has not attended a non-aligned summit since 1979 and it was not certain if he would attend this one. "This will be clear only when he leaves

Baghdad or arrives in Belgrade," one Iraqi source said.

Meanwhile, a UN mediator in the Gulf peace talks today ended a round of meetings with Iranian and Iraqi officials.

The three-day session was intended to prepare for expected talks between UN Secretary-General and two foreign ministers early next month during the summit of

non-aligned nations in Belgrade.

■ Iraq has called today for direct peace talks with Iran under the auspices of the UN to help settle differences over a year-long ceasefire agreement.

■ Iran said yesterday the failure of Iraq to withdraw from Iranian land was the main stumbling block to a peace settlement in the Gulf war.

Postponement sought

ALGIERS, Aug. 25. (Reuters): President Chadli Benjedid yesterday said he would seek to postpone Algeria's first multi-party elections since independence, due in December, to allow more time to reorganise local government.

A presidential statement carried by the Algerian news agency APS yesterday said Chadli wanted to reinforce the country's nascent democratic climate.

Carter as mediator

NAIROBI, Aug. 25. (Reuters): A second Ethiopian rebel group yesterday accepted former US President Jimmy Carter's offer to act as an observer in peace talks with the Marxist government in Addis Ababa.

The Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF) said it had chosen Carter so that talks could start without delay.

The Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF), an allied guerrilla movement in the adjacent province of Eritrea, accepted Carter's offer last week.

Joining hunger strike

RABAT, Aug. 25. (Reuters): A Moroccan prisoner joined a jail hunger strike today to demand political status, numerically replacing a student who died this week after a 64-day fast, his family said in a statement.

The prisoner, Lakmassi Mamoud, a banned Marxist Idriss Amam Movement, was arrested in 1983 after riots in Casablanca and jailed for six years.

His family said, Mamoud, held at Meknes in central Morocco, was also demanding improved prison conditions.

Seeks asylum

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 25. (Reuters): Somalia's charge d'affaires in Sweden is seeking political asylum in a Western country, the Foreign Ministry said today.

A spokesman said Sweden had been informed by "certain sources" that the charge, Abdullahi Jama Elmi, had flown to Canada but had no independent confirmation of this.

"We know he has left his post and left Sweden," the spokesman said.

The Somali embassy said Elmi's whereabouts were unknown.

Plan condemned

CHARVIEU-CHAVAGNEU, France, Aug. 25. (Reuters): A leader of France's extreme right-wing national front today condemned a plan to rebuild a mosque razed last week by local authorities.

"Freedom of religion must not serve as a pretext for Islamisation of France," said Bruno Megret, number three of the National Front.

"We do not want to see mosques mushrooming across the country."

Israeli fails

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25. (KUNA): Israel — long accused of racism towards Arabs — has failed to integrate Ethiopian Jews seeking "the promised land," and left many dismasted by discrimination and poor housing by black Jews said yesterday.

Four years after the original fare accompanying Israel's "secret airlift" of thousands of them, the majority of Ethiopian Jews still live in hovels and are kept mostly isolated in "ghettos," they, and outside observers said.

The radicals wield considerable influence in the Majlis, where a leading hardliner, Mehdi Karrazi, was elected Speaker earlier this month to succeed Rafsanjani.

IRNA said 20 deputies are lined up to speak for or against the ministers and a secret ballot will be held to approve each candidate.

Many candidates are moderate, educated technocrats rather than committed revolutionaries and several already have published policy programmes in the state-controlled media.

Their plans include measures for reforming the foreign exchange regulations, liberalising the economy, boosting university standards and attracting skilled exiles back to Iran.

Kurdish sources said those going were mainly non-political villagers who had told Turkish officials they wanted to return to take advantage of an Iraqi amnesty.

Billboard campaign

LONDON, Aug. 25. (AP): Supporters of British hostage John McCarron yesterday put up the first of 150 billboards in London to remind Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and the public of his plight.

"Close your eyes and think of England. John McCarron has been doing nothing else for three years," said the 10-foot by 20-foot billboard in the Finchley area of London, part of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's constituency.

Jill Morell of the Friends of John McCarron said the group planned to put up 150 such billboards in London and another 100 in other parts of Britain, including Brighton and Blackpool, where the Labour and Conservative parties respectively will hold their annual conferences this fall.

Crackdown

Egyptian reds held

CAIRO, Aug. 25. (Reuters): Egyptian police have arrested 52 alleged communists planning to topple the government, the national Middle East News Agency (MENA) said.

The agency said they were members of the Egyptian Communist Workers Party whose aim was to change Egypt's political and social systems by illegal means.

Communist organisations are banned in Egypt.

Attorney-General Gamal Shoman told a news conference on Sunday police had arrested 41 Shiite Muslims and were hunting 16 others suspected of planning to overthrow President Hosni Mubarak and launch an Iranian-style Islamic revolution.

The Shiite Muslims — most Egyptian Muslims are members of the Sunni group — were preparing to attack interests in Egypt of Iraq, Israel, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and the United States, he said.

Police raided the homes of suspected communists early yesterday. Three journalists and three lawyers were among those arrested, MENA said.

Concerned Tunisian authorities appealed to citizens residing near valleys to evict their areas to avoid likely dangers resulting from the pouring rain that obstructed traffic and damaged farms.

Assessment of losses' value is underway.

Kidnapped Jew found

Three houses blown up

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Aug. 25. (Agencies): Security agents rescued a kidnapped Israeli gold merchant from a half-filled well today, a day and a half after he was seized by masked Palestinians in the occupied West Bank.

Shaul Mishaniya, 47, was found after a massive search by helicopters and hundreds of soldiers. Officials said an Arab suspect captured yesterday led agents of the Shin Bet secret service to the well in the tiny village of Abu Shab near Tulkarem.

"I am healthy, thank God, and thank you to the Israeli Army and all the soldiers who helped me," Mishaniya said on Israel Radio.

He was the first Israeli civilian abducted during the 20-month Palestinian uprising, prompting speculation that PLO-backed leaders of the revolt were stepping up the violence in their battle against Israeli occupation.

However, officials also said they were investigating possible criminal motives for his kidnapping.

The motive is not known.

The investigation looking into whether it is political or criminal or both," said Col. Renan Gisin, deputy military spokesman.

Mishaniya reportedly went to the West Bank, where few Israelis now venture because of the uprising, to collect debts owed him by Arabs. News reports said he argued with an Arab merchant before he was grabbed on Wednesday night by masked men carrying knives.

Mishaniya told Israel Radio he offered his kidnappers gold and money for his freedom. He said they accepted but then refused to release him.

In the Gaza Strip, the Army ordered demolition of four houses of Palestinians accused of killing alleged collaborators with Israel or playing a role in the uprising, the Army said.

Soldiers blew up or bulldozed three houses. In the case of the fourth, family members tore down four rooms themselves with sledge hammers after reaching an agreement with the Army that one room could be left standing for the family of seven.

One house blown up belonged to 60-year-old Mohammed Matar whose son, Said, 21, was jailed for uprising activities, then killed a fellow Arab inmate in the Ketzirat prison as a suspected collaborator.

The army has torn down more than 200 houses in Gaza and the West Bank during the uprising, despite complaints by the United States and human rights groups that destroying homes amounts to collective punishment.

The Jerusalem Post, meanwhile, quoted Army sources as saying a Palestinian teenager whose body was found last Tuesday in a West Bank refugee camp was killed by Israeli security forces the night before. An army spokeswoman could not confirm the report.

The killing of the youth, Nasser Abu Katiria, 17, in the Al Amari camp was one of several mysterious deaths in the past 10 days in the West Bank.

Two soldiers in civilian clothes firing from two Gaza-licensed cars on Wednesday night gunned down a masked youth confiscating Israeli-issued identity cards from Palestinian workers in Gaza city, witnesses said. Another activist was seriously wounded.

All workers entering Israel are required to have the magnetic cards.

Last Saturday troops posing as tourists with backpacks, guide-books and cameras, shot dead a youth stoning a uniformed Army patrol in Bethlehem. Dozens of bystanders witnessed the attack.

Israelis take to deception

Death in disguise

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Aug. 25. (Reuters): Israeli security forces are increasingly using cloak-and-dagger tactics against militants of the Palestinian uprising in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

A series of killings of Palestinian activists by troops posing as tourists or dangers it poses for genuine tourists and journalists.

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The FRC, headed by the shadowy figure Abu Nidal,

Rebels armed, Kabul raps US

UNITED NATIONS, Aug. 25. (Agencies): Afghanistan's foreign minister yesterday accused the United States and Pakistan of supplying the Afghan rebels with long-range missiles armed with cluster-bomb warheads.

"These allegations are totally unfounded. There is no evidence from any independent source to support these claims including from the UN observers on the scene," said Pakistan's UN Ambassador, Nasim Ahmed.

In Washington, a spokeswoman for the US State Department said they had no comment on the Afghan accusation.

A letter to UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar released yesterday, Afghan Foreign Minister Abdur Wakil complained of "the delivery of new long-range missiles to the Afghan extremists by Pakistan and the United States."

Also today, the Army permanently barred Palestinian writer Mutawakil Taha from entering Israel, an Army spokesman said.

Taha, head of the West Bank Writers Association, has been repeatedly accused of fostering the uprising. Since the revolt began in December 1987, he has spent nearly 18 months in jail under administrative detention, in which suspects are held without charges or trial.

The military began jailing alleged Palestinian activists without trial for a year today under a measure that doubles the previous maximum allowed by law, Army radio said.

It named Salem Shalashah, 25, of Saar village and Maher Faraj, 23, of Dheisheh refugee camp as the first to be imprisoned under the regulations. Previous practice was to jail suspects for renewable six month terms.

US officials have particularly objected to Afghanistan's use of Soviet-supplied Scud-B missiles, some of which have hit Pakistani border towns and installations.

The Supreme Court ordered Tayyar Aruri expelled yesterday on suspicion of helping foment a 20-month-long uprising against Israeli occupation. Scholars worldwide had campaigned against his expulsion which could take place any day.

Israel has swung to the right during the Palestinian uprising and are now less willing to talk to the PLO and more determined to maintain military strength, according to an opinion study published today.

Only 32 per cent of Israelis supported negotiations with the PLO, compared to 37 per cent in 1987, and 45 per cent opposed an international Middle East peace conference, up from 37 per cent the previous year.

In a major swing, 48 per cent said they favoured the rule of law compared with only 28 per cent a year earlier.

A Scottish pathologist who conducted an independent autopsy on the body of a Palestinian killed last week said yesterday he died of a gunshot wound to the back and did not appear to have been tortured.

Rafsanjani gaining support for cabinet

Ardebili call to set aside differences

NICOSIA, Aug. 25. (Agencies): Iran's former chief justice today urged parliament to set aside political bickering and endorse President Hashemi Rafsanjani's new cabinet in this weekend's vote of confidence debate.

The official Islamic Republic News Agency, quoted Ayatollah Musavi Ardebili as saying: "My brotherly advice to the dear deputies is that... they should not, God forbid, be overcome by... factionalism and political lineups because in that case they would get less respect."



Israel requests

Israel Foreign Minister Moshe Arens asked Kenya today to use its contacts in the Arab world to promote peace efforts in the Middle East, the Voice of Kenya reported.

Arens made the request when he met President Daniel Arap Moi in the provincial capital of Nakuru.

The broadcast made to mention if Moi accepted Arens's request, but quoted the President as saying the Middle East conflict would end "when all parties involved realise

they need not be led by hatred."

Smiles and laughter as Arens and Kenya's Dr Robert Uko sign the Economic and Technological pact.

Nigeria yesterday denied a report that it was poised to resume diplomatic relations with Israel, broken off in 1973.

"I am confirming there is no such thing," said Jide Osunlukun, Adviser to External Affairs Minister Ika Nwachukwu. (Reuters wirephoto)

Palestinians deported

Families torn

RAMALLAH, Occupied West Bank, Aug. 25. (AP): Amal Aruri steered herself for the worst, but still found she was unprepared when the Israeli Supreme Court ordered her husband deported to Lebanon.

"We fought it for more than a year," Mrs Aruri said, her voice shaking. "Even though I expected it day by day, still I was shocked."

The 28-year-old Palestinian nursery school teacher learned from the Israeli Radio news that an appeal by her husband, physics Professor Tayyar Aruri, was rejected by the court yesterday. He is accused of being a leader of the Palestinians uprising.

Tayyar Aruri, a 43-year-old physicist at the West Bank's Bir Zeit University, was served on Aug. 17, 1988, with a deportation order signed by Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

He has been jailed since in Jaffa prison near Nablus.

Aruri was never tried but was accused by the Army of being a member of the outlawed Palestinian Communist Party and of "involved in planning the intifada" and a member of the Unified Command of the int

Amir's Cairo visit will foster peace: Osaimi

Lebanon priority issue

KUWAIT. Aug 25, (KUNA): Kuwaiti Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Saoud Mohammed Al Osaimi has affirmed that the visit by HH the Amir to Egypt on Monday comes at the time while the Arab world is passing through critical political circumstances.

Speaking to representatives of Egyptian press here, Osaimi said the timing of the visit was of great significance, particularly that the two sisterly countries have so many joint issues that need further discussion.

In his remarks, the minister said he believed that "the visit would certainly result in ideas and stances that would push forward the peace process in the region and further foster co-operation bonds among brethren during these difficult circumstances."

He said the two leaders — HH the Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed Al Jaber and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak — will tackle several hot political and economic questions on the Arab and international arenas, especially those concerning Third World countries.

The priority issue to be discussed,

Osaimi went on, is the deteriorating situation in Lebanon. He said the meeting between HH the Amir and his brother President Mubarak will be yet another opportunity for the two leaders to further exchange views on the plight of the Lebanese people.

Regrets

The Kuwaiti state minister for foreign affairs expressed regret over the painful situation in Lebanon and said developments there are obviously top priority in any high-level Arab meeting.

"No one can neglect what is happening in Lebanon. Nobody can keep silent, seeing that country torn by war and its people being displaced as the Arab world is incapable of rendering help or assistance," he said.

Osaimi referred to the efforts exerted by the Arab League's six-man committee, headed by Kuwaiti Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed, and the endeavors of the supreme tripartite Arab committee, comprising Saudi Arabia, Morocco and Algeria to resolve the Lebanese ordeal.

He said all those efforts were sincere Arab overtures aimed at reaching a

resolution that would maintain Lebanon's unity, security and stability.

He urged the Arab supreme committee to go ahead with its efforts to resolve the Lebanese crisis and said "Kuwait like other Arab countries has contributed by submitting some views for resolving the Lebanese problem through joint action."

Osaimi reiterated Kuwait's support of the supreme committee's moves saying that his country had received a couple of days ago the committee's proposals for ending the fighting in Lebanon.

Asked on whether an Arab summit can be held to examine the alarming situation in Lebanon, the minister stated that "time is premature to convene such a high-level meeting."

Concern

Osaimi asserted that Kuwait strongly advocates Lebanon as a free and independent state far from any foreign interventions. He noted that Kuwait, like other Arab countries, is dealing with the current situation in Lebanon where there are two governments in the war-torn country, as status quo.

He deplored the kidnapping of

civilians in Lebanon as "an act that does not comply with laws, logic or human feeling, particularly when the abducted were not linked to the course of developments there."

Turning to regional concerns, Osaimi hoped that the ceasefire between Iraq and Iran would develop into lasting peace. He pointed out that the states of the region are keen on realising a quick and final peace.

He referred to the international efforts in this connection, mentioning in particular those of the UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar for implementing the UN Resolution 598. He denied that De Cuellar's efforts had come to a deadlock and stated that Iraqi and Iranian experts are currently meeting in Geneva under UN auspices.

Osaimi said that the relations between Kuwait and Iran were not severed and that the Kuwaiti embassy in Tehran is operating quite normally following the return of Kuwaiti diplomats to the Iranian capital more than a year ago.

In this regard he stressed Kuwait's firm and stable stance saying "Kuwait is always stretching the hand of peace to

Iran as it is doing with all friendly countries all over the world."

Uprising

Osaimi saluted the Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories and said it has been receiving popular backing every day.

He added that the uprising has unveiled the Israeli Nazi policy and gave the Mideast problem a new meaning, particularly in the Western media.

Osaimi called on Arab and Islamic nations and all peace-loving people everywhere to render support to the uprising, which he said, had imposed "a new framework of solution in the Mideast conflict."

He said the Palestinian people had rejected the Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's election plan in the occupied lands "because they knew it would not lead to resolving the conflict."

On the international debt crisis the minister recalled the initiative of HH the Amir in this regard before the UN General Assembly last year which envisaged a joint meeting between creditor and debtor states to reach positive solutions for the problem.

Action Line

An article was published in the Arab Times on July 20/21 in which the director of the Immigration Department Col. Ahmad Al Wazir said that those girls who are on their father's residence can get the sponsorship of their husbands if the husband is working in Kuwait.

He also said those wives working in the private sector, if they are terminated or resign voluntarily, can change their sponsorship to their husband's only after approval from the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour.

1) Could you explain the procedure to be followed to change the sponsorship of a working wife to that of her husband?

2) Is the salary limit of KD650 applicable? M.S. Copeland

ENQUIRIES at the Immigration Department reveal that a working woman is required to first obtain an approval to transfer or cancel the visa first from the Interior Ministry and then from the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour. If she gets an approval from the Social Affairs Ministry, she must return to the immigration Department to complete the formalities.

In all cases, an immigration official said, the salary limit of KD650 (private) and KD450 (public) would be applied.

Our lawyer, Mr. Khaled Al Aher, said that if the ministries reject an application for transfer of residence, then the wife must re-enter Kuwait on a fresh visa, No. 22, and in this case, the salary limit is applied.

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I AM a domestic servant, employed since February 1988. In the beginning, my employer was good to me; recently she started fighting with me. She always gets angry and blames me. In my contract, it says she will give me KD45 a month but pays me only KD30 per month. She is also showed me one paper, saying that she can do nothing and no one will do anything, even if she kills anyone. Is this true?

Eman J.

If you can prove with the contract that the salary is KD45, then you can file a case to get the balance payment. According to the Kuwait government's strict laws, no has the right to take any illegal action; if an illegal act is committed, the person will be punished by the law and lawmakers.

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I AM employed in the public sector. My wife is a resident of Kuwait under visa No. 20. She has also conceived. I am planning to perform Haj next year and I would like my wife to accompany me, which will be permitted by her sponsor. Is it permissible? What are the documents to obtain Haj visa?

Mohammed Rafe

THE Haj visa, as you must be aware, is granted by the Saudi Arabian Embassy in Kuwait. If your wife's sponsor has no objection to her going for Haj, you can get a certificate from him and approach the Saudi Arabian Embassy. You'll need a duly attested marriage certificate, valid passports with valid residence permits and an application. It is up to the Saudi Embassy to accept or reject your application.

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HOW can a deportee possibly apply for a pardon at the Ministry of the Interior? What are the steps to be taken? Who is the right person to contact or the right officer?

J.A.L.

A PARDON can be granted only by the Minister of the Interior. You must write an application and hand it in at the Ministry of the Interior, Shamyia.

In the application, the person must give the reasons on which he is seeking pardon.

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I CAME to Kuwait in 1983 and work as a housemaid. My employer was deported but his family is still here. Is there any possibility to transfer my visa to the new employer. Is his wife authorized to give me a release? Please advise me.

Les

IF your employer's wife has a power of attorney, or authorization from her husband, she can give a release. But if she doesn't, she must go to the immigration Department, who can seize the deportation of her husband, and seek their help to transfer your visa.

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1. MY wife and two children have a family dependent visa, valid upto May 1990. They left for India in July 1989 and will stay there till next summer because of the children's education. Since the visa expires automatically after six months, I would like to know the procedure and documents required to get the above time limit waived.

2. Is there any time limit to get the Civil ID card made after getting the residence stamped?

3. In one of the previous columns you mentioned that the custody of an employee's passport by the employer is illegal. Why is the practice so prevalent in Kuwait?

4. I missed your interpretation of one month annual leave and the calculation method.

U.C. Sharma

1. IF your children's passport and iqama are valid, you can apply for a permission for them to "overstay". For this you have to get attested school certificates from the school where your children will be studying. In case the visa expires, a father can call them on a fresh visa and get the visa after their entry into the country.

However, your wife cannot avail of the same facility given to students. She'll have to come back on a fresh visa.

2. An ID card must be renewed within one month after stamping the residence; if this is not done, a defaulter will be fined KD 20.

3. In Kuwait, it is customary for a passport to be held by the employer as long as that person's "work" relationship continues. And the employee has the right to ask for the passport to process any papers or for travel.

Clarifying a reader's query, I had said it was "illegal" to hold an employee's passport after his resignation from the company. If an employer retains the passport without any reason (like employment) it can be described as illegal.

4. It is 30 working days, excluding Fridays.

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MY boss will go back to his country next year. At that time I'll complete my second two-year contract as a domestic helper. After my contract with them ends, I'd like to stay and look for another job. I've also qualified as a secretary-administrator and can use all office machines, including computers. I also have some experience in my country.

1) Can I ask them for a release so that I can look for another job?

2) Can I ask them to change my visa from No. 20 to No. 18?

Alice

IF your employer agrees to give you a release, you can get one. This matter has to be settled between you and your employer; it's a matter that can be settled only by the two parties involved.

A No. 20 visa cannot be changed to No. 18; if you apply for such a transfer, it will not be accepted. You have to get a new No. 18 visa.

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1) I AM a 16-year-old girl. I just finished my secondary school education. I'll be going out of Kuwait for further studies. But my family will remain here. I have a valid residence until March 1990. Once I go out of Kuwait, I cannot come back before that date because of studies. Will the Interior Ministry renew my Kuwait residence if I apply for it now?

P.D. Chaudhury

YOU can obtain an overstaying permission from the Immigration Office, supplying them relevant documents proving your college status overseas, to study outside Kuwait for more than six months.

To our knowledge, it's not possible to renew the residence far in advance of its expiry. We suggest you come back a month before its expiry for renewal.

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I AM a 32-year-old desperate Christian woman, married with three children. Due to intolerable circumstances, I could not stay even for a moment with my husband. Recently, I met another man, who wants to marry me. Will our marriage be considered legal? What is the procedure and to whom should we contact? How many days will it take for divorce? What is the procedure?

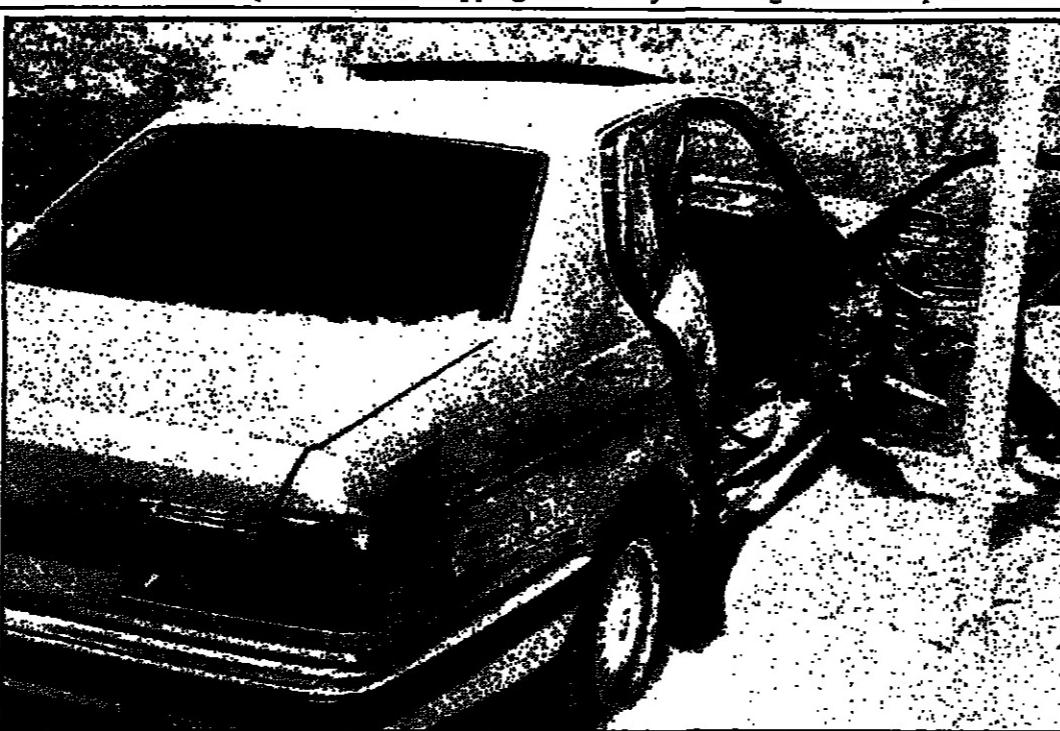
A desperate lady

YOU can file a divorce case before a non-Muslim court, giving details and the reasons for divorce; the court will decide the matter after examining all details of the case. The divorce must be filed according to the law of the husband's country.

After the divorce comes through, you can remarry.

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If you have a problem drop in a line to Action Line, Arab Times, P.O. Box 2270, 13023 Safat, Kuwait or Fax your questions to us on 4847493.



Expensive accident

This expensive BMW 735i crashed into a lamp post at the Al Bida roundabout on Thursday night. The driver escaped unhurt. (Photo by Saud Farhan)

Kuwait to host Arab book fair Nov 29

THE National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters will organise the 15th Arab Book Fair in Kuwait and will take part in the International Moscow Book Fair which will be held in the Soviet capital Sept 12-18, 1989.

Officials at the council said that it is currently preparing for the 15th Arab Book Fair which is going to be held at the International Fair Grounds in Misriff from Nov 29 until Dec 12, 1989.

An official source said that 200 invitations were sent to government authorities and private establishments in the Arab world and replies were received from participants along with books.

Sections
The council has completed measures towards preparing for the Arab book fair index which includes up to 30,000 book titles from 18 Arab states. One of the publishing houses in Morocco will take part in the fair for the first time.

Officials said that the number of sections at the book fair will approximately total 170 representing nearly 300 government and private establishments in addition to publishing houses and international organisations.

Meanwhile, at the Moscow fair, the council will establish a section that represents Kuwait at which a large number of government publications, and publications from Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Science will be on display.

According to the complaint, the cock pecked the eye of the victim when he was taking the readings of a meter from the electrical board in the Governorate of Zg' Qar situated in a small southern area in the town of Nasriya.

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Cock complaint
AN Iraqi family has filed a complaint to the police authorities against a cock who inflicted serious injury to their son during the performance of his official duties.

According to the complaint, the cock pecked the eye of the victim when he was taking the readings of a meter from the electrical board in the Governorate of Zg' Qar situated in a small southern area in the town of Nasriya.

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Announces that passports of the following employees have been lost:

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Abdul Ghaffor	Indian	U-829866
Shaheraival Huseini	Indian	X-924153
Abdeally	Indian	E-568489
Abdul Rashid Abdul	Bangladeshi	F-375695
Shaikh	Bangladeshi	F-375741
Rafique Ahmed Noor	Bangladeshi	B-742867
Mohamed Ansari	Pakistani	
Mr. Md. Ahsanullah		
Mohammad Ullah		
Mr. Narendra Kumar Deb		
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MEW draws up subscriber payment plan

Judicial proceedings against violators

By Salem Al Wawan

ASSISTANT Undersecretary for Consumer Affairs at the Ministry of Electricity and Water Ali Hamoud Al Fanini has said that outstanding subscriber bills totalled KD8 million, which should be paid up before the year is out.

The ministry has drawn up a subscriber-payment plan, calling all citizens and residents to come forward and settle their electricity bills in order to avoid individual proceedings.

Speaking to *Seyassah/Arab Times*, he said that relevant personnel had finalised a

study on consumer protection administrative policy as a result of which a number of new departments would have to be set up and the related functional tasks established as a necessary step commensurate with the requirements of the new work stage.

Measures

This step is in response to directives by high-ranking ministry officials aiming to co-ordinate regulatory measures in keeping with new trends that are conducive to public welfare.

Currently there are no intentions to

increase consumption value. However, water and power consumption was growing, which called for a reconsideration of the existing rationalisation policy, on the basis of which a number of issues will have to be addressed.

The most frequent problem the ministry encounters is the repeated failure of water meters in certain areas. This has been attributed by specialists at the maintenance department to the longstanding water discoloration problem.

To prevent this, the ministry has replaced the entire water network of Shuwaikh plant resulting in the reduction

of the frequency of these failures, he added.

Fanini urged all consumers whose rate exceeded 50 per cent of their normal consumption to check in with the emergency office set up in their neighbourhoods to determine the reasons.

On the disconnection of power supply from consumers failing to pay their overdue bills, he said that the ministry will initially warn them further continued non-payment will entail disconnection of power from their houses, offices or others to force them to settle their outstanding bills.

8-1/2 years, fine for basement abortionist

THE Criminal Court sentenced a doctor to eight and a half years imprisonment and a fine of KD500 for smuggling banned drugs and using them to carry out illegal abortions. The same court also sentenced a woman who underwent an abortion to 20 months' imprisonment and ordered her deportation. A lady accomplice who was the accused's friend and introduced her to the doctor was given a two-year suspended sentence. A man who was accused by the lady of getting her pregnant was acquitted.

The court was told that a police captain learnt through his sources that the doctor was using a basement in his house as an illegal clinic to carry out abortions and charged KD400 for early pregnancies and KD600 for women in their sixth and onward months.

The police assigned a secret informer (pregnant) to seek an abortion through the doctor. At the appointed time and date the informer was being prepared for the abortion, when the police raided the premises and apprehended the doctor in the act. A quantity of banned medicines and other instruments to conduct the abortions were recovered during the raid.

During the presence of the police, two ladies and one man arrived and on interrogation said that one of the ladies had undergone an abortion in the doctor's clinic and was suffering from complications and needed the doctor's help. The lady who had the abortion told the police that the man with her was her brother-in-law who had made love to her and they were living together. However, she later changed her testimony by claiming that another person who left Kuwait had made love to her.

The lady said that the second woman who was with them helped her find the doctor and also helped her find the money to pay for her abortion.

Theft charge

The Court of First Instance has sentenced a man to 30 months rigorous imprisonment on charges of theft.

The criminal was arrested red-handed in the act of trying to steal from a shop in the Farwaniya area.

The court was also told that the accused had broken into a restaurant in the same area and stolen an amount of KD30. The court was further told that the accused had been convicted on 12 different occasions during this year for similar crimes.

The stolen items were identified by their respective owners, security sources said.

Pole expedition

TWO Saudi scientists will join a world expedition team due to explore the South Pole next month, it was announced here today.

Dr Ibrahim Aleem of King Fahd University and Dr Mustafa Omar of King Abdul-Aziz University, will join scientists from USA, UK, Soviet Union, France, Japan and China in an expedition tour to the South Pole.

Women smokers on the increase

Habit spread at all levels

WOMEN in the Arabian world are taking on a new trend. At a time when women in Western countries are trying to quit smoking, Arab women smokers have recently registered a dramatic increase.

It is now common to see an Arab woman driver holding a cigarette in her mouth. It is also not unusual to see a college girl sitting among her friends and lighting up. Smoking, is not confined to a specific group of women, but, it is well spread among women of all cultural, financial and social levels. It includes housewives, working women and college girls.

On the issue of women smokers, a local daily conducted several interviews with a group of women smokers and non-smokers to highlight their opinions.

Jamila F. un-married and 28 years of age started smoking nine years ago. She said that at the time when she started smoking she only wanted to imitate some of her friends at work, but she became addicted.

Jamila added that she does not feel embarrassed when lighting a cigarette in public and that she lights her cigarette anywhere when wanting to smoke. Even though she considers herself a smoker, she does not like to see a woman smoke and respects a woman for not smoking.

Meanwhile, several interviews were conducted with a number of non-smoking women to get their opinions on the issue.

Zinab Abdul Menam who is 40 years old and currently working as a beautician said she started smoking 20 years ago. She added that she only smokes for the purpose of entertaining herself and that she finds smoking very relaxing. She is not concerned if

she is convinced that it is harmful and self-respect.

Meanwhile, Hosain Al Najdi expressed regret over what he sees daily at roads and public areas where women smoke. He added that women smokers are mistaken in their notion that smoking makes them more modern.

Aim to upgrade potential

515 civil servants trained at NCMC

By Jamal Ameen

THE director of the Computer and Microfilm Training Department at the National Computer and Microfilm Centre (NCMC) at the Ministry of Planning Abdul Latif Hamad Al Nami has said that the department trained and qualified 515 employees from different government agencies over the period from early January to the end of June this year.

Speaking to *Seyassah/Arab Times*, he said that the department organised theoretical and practical training courses and programmes within the framework of the national policy to rely on computer and microfilm systems in various government work sites. This is also aimed at reducing dependence on manual labour in the field of data entry and retrieval utilising modern technology on a wide-scale within the government working sector, as part of the ambitions marked out for the next national five-year plan.

The primary purpose of the department's training programmes is to develop and upgrade the

professional potentials of the Kuwaiti labour force, diversify the scope of their technical know-how and ultimately build up a self-dependent and self-sufficient army of local cadres, the official said.

He said that candidates for the department's various training sessions would have to fill up a special form through their employers which must be despatched to the department one month before the start of the programme.

Candidates will have to take the test to qualify for the course, and that they will be notified through their employers of whether or not they had been accepted for the course. He highlighted the department's emphasis on practical trainings as forming 50 per cent of the core of its programmes. All the needed soft and hard ware are available to accommodate all types of trainees and ensure careful measuring of their progress, the official said.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Contract bids

KUWAIT, Aug 25. (KUNA): Minister of Public Works Abdel Rahman Al Houti said bids for establishment of the new meat and vegetables market will be invited next November.

In compliance with instructions of HH the Amir an expert has been chosen to draw up designs of the market, the minister told KUNA.

The project will be finalised in two years, he said, noting that the new market's site will be near the Gharaballi's old souk according to the Amiri desire to maintain Kuwait's most important old markets.

Ethiopians leave

KUWAIT, Aug 25. (KUNA): Assistant of the Ethiopian President Kassa Kebede and his accompanying delegation last night left here concluding an official several-day visit to Kuwait.

He was seen off at the airport by State Minister for Services Affairs Issa Al Mazed and other foreign ministry's officials.

During his stay in Kuwait, the Ethiopian presidential envoy was received by HH the Amir of the State of Kuwait Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah.

Ethiopian Kuwaiti talks dealt with situation in Ethiopia, the Horn of Africa and the Red Sea.

Kebede also expressed hope that Kuwait and other Arab countries would support his government's drive to find a solution to the problems that hinder stability in that part of the world.

Kuwaiti week

CAIRO, Aug 25. (KUNA): Egyptian Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Esamat Abdel Meguid opened a Kuwaiti Information and Culture Week Wednesday night, which portrays Kuwait's past and present.

The ceremony was attended by Egyptian Culture Minister Farouq Hosni, head of the diplomatic missions and a number of literary men and artists.

Abdel Meguid toured the pavilions of a Kuwaiti arts exhibit and said he was happy to attend the opening ceremony.

Kuwait's Ambassador Abdul Razzaq Al Kandari thanked the senior Egyptian official for attending the event organised by the Kuwaiti Information Ministry and the Egyptian Culture Ministry on the occasion of the visit here on Monday by HH the Amir of Kuwait.

Palm trees

DIRECTOR of the Agricultural Research Department at the Bahraini Ministry of Commerce and Agriculture, Sheikh Mohammed Bin Abdul Wahab Al Khalifa said that Bahrain has a total of 397,000 palm trees compared with the last century during which the number of palm trees was estimated at one million.

Sheikh Khalifa said that the decrease in the number of palm trees in Bahrain was due to saltiness of underground wells and the low economical produce of palms causing farmers to stay away from palm agriculture.

The director of the Agricultural Research Department added that 60 per cent of palm trees in Bahrain have growth problems and that several symposia were held in order to encourage farmers towards palm farming.

Symposia

THE Arab Gulf University will hold a number of symposia during the next few months, it was announced in Manama today. The university will host a seminar aimed at exchanging experience between deans of medical colleges at the universities of the member states in co-operation with the Arab Gulf Education Bureau. The meeting will be held between Oct 7-9. The university will also host a workshop between March 17-21, 1990 on desirability.

The workshop will be held in co-operation with United Nations Environment Organisation and Australia. The university will also hold two symposia in January next year, the first on the universities buildings and the second on acquiring new technologies.



Practical supervision necessary

Revise administrative system, says official

ADMINISTRATIVE

backwardness in the country's ministries and establishments is mainly attributed to the lack of clear vision and understanding of planning strategy, plans and objectives of the administrative system, member of the Administrative Development Committee, Sheikh Sabah Mohammad Al Sabah said yesterday. Sheikh Sabah who is also the general manager of the Administrative and Technical Studies Institute, said that the application of collective supervision and the same laws to various ministries and establishments, constitutes a major obstacle for administrative stability in that part of the world.

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He called for more practical supervision over the administrative system and asked that the opinions of people dealing with the concerned establishment or ministry be taken into account while adopting any decision.

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Governorate recommendations

THE Committee in charge of Mukhtareen Affairs, recently formed on directives from HH the Amir, has submitted a report in which it recommended the development of authority delegated to the Mukhtareen (district local governors) to give them more power whereby they could effectively deal with the problems brought to their attention by citizens.

The recommendations included in the report covered the assignment of adequate authority to the mukhtar in order to place certain trouble-making bachelors under surveillance, in co-operation with the local police station, to report any transgressions perpetrated by contractors against the public cleanliness law or failure to finish construction on time, and to play a reconciliatory part between families having differences or neighbours in order to smooth things over and prevent them from progressing into a case requiring police intervention.

Khaled Al Masoudi said that the suburb is considered a new area compared to others like Ahmadi or Salhiya. This provides officials with the opportunity of providing an attractive appearance to the area. But he complained of too many traffic signals and speed-breakers and added that some boys drive cars without a driving licence.

Mansour Fahd claimed that profits received by share holders of the co-operative society are only one dinar or less a year. He added that he has not got reasonable returns from the co-operative as a share-holder for the last seven years. He added that prices of commodities at the co-operative are very high compared to other co-operatives. The co-operative does not offer adequate services to citizens in the area. But he praised the health services of the Public Health Ministry. He added that a large number of traffic signals in the area cause traffic jams which he attributed to the bad planning of roads. He added that some signals can be replaced by roundabouts at the internal roads.

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Italian proverb.

Colombian govt readies for war

Traffickers kill at will

THE COLOMBIAN drug mafia's declaration of war on Thursday is likely to send shivers down the spine of politicians aware of the traffickers' ability to kill at will, political analysts said.

In recent years death squads have killed dozens of political leaders, judges and journalists apparently on orders from the cocaine kingpins who operate multi-billion dollar drug trade.

Even before Thursday's statement sent to the media by a group known as "The Extraditable" was publicised, political analysts were predicting a war.

"The bloodbath will probably not stop now and even the president is at risk," Francisco Santos, foreign editor of the influential newspaper *El Tiempo* said this week.

One leading columnist, writing in Thursday's edition of *El Tiempo* before the drug traffickers' statement, urged the government to stand firm and fight he called "An arrogant and Brutal" challenge.

"President Barco has an exceptional opportunity — both internally and internationally — to act," Enrique Santos Calderon said.

"If the government's declaration of war ends up being no more than a passing uproar, better throw the towel," he said, in apparent reference to the drug traffickers' military power.

The drug barons' declaration of "total war" was not unexpected after President Virgilio Barco issued emergency decrees six days ago to carry out the toughest government operation to date against the traffickers.

The most important element of Barco's decree was the re-institution of an extradition and trial in the United States.

"What these people fear most is being sent to the US," one Western diplomat said. "They said it may times in the past, now they just decided to act."

Barco's decree included summary extradition of traffickers and confiscation of their assets. Nearly 150 properties, some lavishly furnished and decorated, have been seized and nearly 11,000 people arrested, but none of the 12 listed by the United States has been apprehended.

Police say an estimated 140 armed squads, trained in military schools accommodating hundreds of men, have extended the reach and power of drug barons over vast areas of the Colombian countryside in recent years.

Barco has called the squads terrorist organisations and he set up an elite squad to fight the groups which vary in strength between 20 and 50 men and whose arsenals include rocket-propelled grenades.

The armed squads first surfaced in the early 1980s as units formed by cattle herders and farmers for defence against guerrillas.

An American anti-narcotics expert in Bogota said this week it was inevitable the drug lords would strike back if only because of the severity of Barco's measures that hit at the core of their formidable wealth.

"You're talking about people who are not well-educated, impulsive and who have gone far by infatuation," he said.

In their toughly-worded statement, "The Extraditables," often linked to the notorious Medellin drug cartel, declared war on all members of society who had dared to oppose them.

"We declare total war on the government, the industrial and political oligarchy, the journalists who have attacked and insulted us, the judges who have sold out to the government, magistrates who have extradited us, trade union leaders and all those who have persecuted us," the statement said.

Until the assassination last week of a judge, a police chief and leading presidential candidate Luis Carlos Galan, the government genuinely thought measures taken were sufficient, said Communications Minister Carlos Lemons Simmonds.

"But last week's killings meant more drastic measures were necessary," he told journalists on Wednesday.

The government of Barco, like the one of his predecessor Belisario Betancur, has often been accused of adopting tepid, inadequate measures to control the lethal challenge of the drug mafia. (Reuter — Bogota)

PRESS REVIEW

A SAUDI newspaper said the Lebanese crisis had entered a dangerous phase and unless swift action were taken the outcome would be unimaginable.

In an editorial carried by the official Saudi Press Agency, *Al Riyadh*, said the Lebanese situation "has entered a dangerous, complicated phase the consequences of which cannot be imagined."

This is particularly so as French naval forces are now in the vicinity of the Lebanese coast.

Syria has warned France it would pay a high price if it deployed its fleet near Lebanon while Iranian-backed Shi'ite Muslims threatened to shell the warships if they came within range.

"Unless swift action is taken or an Arab-international consensus reached the problem will extend beyond its present limits to something unbearable or unimaginable," the paper said. (Reuter)

TODAY IN HISTORY

55 BC — Roman forces under Julius Caesar invade Britain.

1316 — Artillery is reported used for first time in history in Battle of Crecy in northern France.

1541 — Suleiman I, Sultan of Turkey, having invaded Hungary to dispute Archduke Ferdinand's claim to that kingdom, takes Buda and annexes Hungary which is designated a Turkish province.

1847 — Liberia is proclaimed an independent republic.

1859 — Britain and Japan sign a commercial treaty.

1896 — Insurrection begins in the Philippines against the Spanish Armenian revolutionaries attack Ottoman Bank in Constantinople, which provokes a three-day massacre.

1915 — German army captures Brest-Litovsk in Russia during World War I.

1934 — Adolf Hitler demands that France turn over the Saar to Germany.

1936 — Italy ends British occupation of Egypt, except Suez Canal zone, and Britain and Egypt form alliance for 20 years.

1937 — Japan blockades Chinese shipping.

1943 — German Army reaches Stalingrad in Soviet Union during World War II.

1945 — Japanese envoys board US battleship "Missouri" to receive surrender instructions at the end of World War II.

1964 — Rhodesia bans nationalist movements, people's caretaker council and Zimbabwe African National Union.

Student and Buddhist riots force resignation of government of Premier Nguyen Khanh in South Vietnam.

1970 — North Vietnam sends its chief negotiator back to Vietnam peace talks in Paris after eight-and-one-half month boycott of negotiations.

1986 — United Nations agency says at least 1,534 people died from toxic gas released from remote volcanic lake in Cameroon.

1987 — Iran's Prime Minister Hussein Musavi accuses United States and Arab countries of seeking to impose "ignominious peace" on Iran.

1988 — Nationwide strike paralyzes government and transportation in Burma and anti-government rallies spread.

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Personality cult fostered

Saddam larger than life

PRESIDENT Saddam Hussein emerges from his armoured black Cadillac in crisp military fatigues.

The burly Iraqi leader leaps on a prancing white Arab horse and guides it through two giant bronze plated swords curved into a victory arch at Baghdad's Festivities Square.

Bronze fists grip the swords, which are made of ferro-concrete. Tanks, palm trees, eagles and a dangling net full of helmets captured from Iranian soldiers during the eight-year Gulf war are sculpted in for good measure.

The twin arches, the newest item in Baghdad's collection of outsized monuments, commemorate what Iraq regards as its victory in the conflict stilled by a UN ceasefire a year ago.

They also bolster a pervasive personality cult of Saddam, 52, strongman of Iraq since the Baath party takeover in July 1968 and President since July 1979.

"Saddam Hussein, God's gift to Iraq and the Arab nation," declares a slogan stenciled onto a petrol-station wall.

In Bagdad, huge wall paintings and posters of the president smile down from crossroads and public buildings. In northern towns, Saddam is portrayed in Kurdish costume kissing babies.

His face appears routinely on newspaper front pages every day and he often delivers televised pep talks to ministers, provincial officials and army officers.

In nightclubs and cabarets, complimentary songs about Saddam always feature in the evening's entertainment and provide the cue for applause and extravagant tips for the performers.

For celebrations marking the ceasefire's first anniversary — on August 20, 1988 — he appeared late at night on a balcony at Festivities Square in Saudi Arabian-style garb — white headdress with a black woven headband and a gauzy black gown over a gold-banded white robe.

He waved to perhaps 100,000 young men chanting his praises: "Our souls, our blood, we sacrifice for you Saddam."

Saddam has varied his attire since the plain army uniform of the war years. Now it might be a gleaming white suit and dark glasses, a snappy field marshal's outfit or even bavarian village clothes complete with braces and feathered hat.

Even more intriguing for his 17 million people are moves to rehabilitate the image of the Hashemite monarchy, toppled in Iraq by the 1958 revolution, and that of royalty in general.

In 1958 crowds tore down an equestrian statue of Iraq's last king, Faisal II. This month the statue was re-erected, though ironically the square around it keeps the name of Egypt's former leader Gamal Abdel Nasser, who helped oust his own country's monarchy in 1952. Nasser is to get new status of his own.

The government has spent \$3.2 million this year on renovating Bagdad's royal cemetery housing the remains of Faisal I, his son Ghazi and grandson Faisal II.

Thanks to the revision of history now favoured by republican Iraq's ostensibly Socialist, Baathist ideologues, these men are revered as heroes of anti-colonial Arab nationalism.

"Kings are part of our history," says the guide at the handsome blue-domed mausoleum set in a quiet, well-tended garden. "Don't forget, Faisal I was against the British."

"Nine-five per cent of the people here support the PKK (Kurdish Workers Party rebels)," said Ali Khan, the clan's aqa or leader. "And we are the PKK's number one target here."

Five years after it launched an armed struggle for an independent state, the PKK scores few big guerrilla victories and brings no marchers or stone-throwers to the streets.

But in the sparsely-populated mountain ranges around Sirkak, the current centre of the insurgency, PKK guerrilla bands are a constant thorn in Turkey's side.

"I don't see any quick solutions to this problem," said one senior local official. "The PKK may be crazy but it is tough, a kind of would-be Kurdish Khmer Rouge."

At least 1,500 people have been killed since the PKK launched its armed struggle for an indepen-



Saddam Hussein: complimentary songs about him feature in the evening's entertainment in nightclubs and cabarets.

An Iraqi historian, Mustafa Abdul-Qader Al Najjar, has published a paper linking Saddam to the Hashemite clan of Makkah, to which Jordan's present ruler King Hussein belongs.

A plaque at the Sh'ite Muslim shrine of Karbala traces the president's descent from the Prophet Mohammed (PBUH).

"It's a search for legitimacy," one Western diplomat said. "Saddam is looking to the past for symbols of glory and unity."

The president has now ordered graves built for any of Iraq's ancient rulers whom remains can be identified.

He has already turned the once evocative ruins of ancient Babylon into a symbol of resistance to the Persians who seized it in 539-538 B.C. Egyptian and

Sudanese labourers have rebuilt its austere brick walls, leaving little to the imagination.

"The regime is taking a genuine interest in all the Semitic dynasties who ruled Iraq for millennia before the Arabs arrived in the seventh century A.D.," one Western observer said.

"They are trying to show the Arabs as rooted in the past. It's a selective view of history. For example they ignore the Persian contribution to Arab-Islamic culture," he said.

What if anything, ordinary Iraqis make of all this is not clear as many are afraid to speak freely to foreigners.

Since the war Saddam has spoken of liberalisation and even urged the media to broadcast constructive criticism. (Reuters — Bagdad)

Constant thorn in Turkey's side

Kurdish rebels a feared force

ALI KHAN TATAR keeps a pistol by his side. So do his brothers, cousins and dozens more clan members defending their bullet-chipped family compound — virtually a hilltop fort.

Members of the Kurdish Tatar clan reckon they are the only local people who still support the Turkish government in the Sirkak area, 950 km (600 miles) southeast of Ankara.

"In my opinion, the reason this problem is still going on is that there is not enough torture," Ali Khan said calmly.

Turkish officials also see the PKK, led by Abdullah Ocalan, an Ankara university political science dropout, as a "tool" of neighbouring Syria.

But a Turkish diplomat said Syria has restrained the PKK since Prime Minister Turgut Ozal visited Damascus in 1987 and made it clear that Turkey would tolerate no more internal interference.

PKK bases were moved away from the Turkish border but the party still has bases in Lebanon's Syrian-controlled Bekaa valley.

Syria fears huge dam projects in Turkey will cut its vital supplies of Euphrates river water, already a fifth of agreed levels because of this summer's

drought in Turkey, the diplomat said.

Syrian restraint is only one of a series of setbacks for the PKK in the past two years.

Its field force along the border with Iraq is now mostly made up of ill-trained youths, many taken in their early teens in forced levies from villages, according to Turkish officials and Kurdish sources.

The PKK can now operate freely only along the Iraqi border, an area called the "Botan Triangle" centred on Sirkak and reaching to Cizre, Sirte and Hakkari.

Many of its experienced commanders were captured or have surrendered over the past year, the officials and sources say.

The PKK is beyond the pale even to some other groups representing the Kurds, a people whose traditional Kurdish homeland straddles Turkey, Iraq, Iran and Syria. Kurdish nationalist sources say their people number 20 to 30 million.

Ocalan, whose name means "reverent take," is still the major guerrilla leader although he is not to operate in Turkey.

The grave near Sirkak of a PKK guerrilla girl killed in 1987 is now a place of pilgrimage and its dust is even recommended by Kurdish religious elders as a cure for rheumatism. (Sirkak — Reuters)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Merchants of death

WHAT is the morality of arms and drug peddlers? Both are like vultures preying on their human carrion. The countries that supplied 120mm cannons that deliver 40 shells a minute, want at least 40 human sacrifices per minute. They are like butchers, who do not care how much pain is inflicted on human flesh when a shell strikes the victim. Bofors supplied India such cannons; it cost 10,000 human lives. But the Swedes are not concerned with those innocent lives killed through no fault of their own. You talk of disarmament, preventing a world war but keep on supplying arms. Of what use are arms if not for use on human beings rather than dogs or other animals?

America is supplying arms to China knowing fully well it would be trained on Asians. Very cleverly they masquerade as harbingers of peace but they don't want peace. Paranoia can create imaginary enemies and justify killing. You say you must kill a comrade or a freedom fighter, calling them savage guerrillas. The motive is plain and simple murder — murder just for kicks. France, America and now Japan mass produce arms because they bring a fast buck — a billion a piece whereas if you grow peanuts, you cannot become a millionaire even in a century. Now S. Korea, Singapore, India, Brazil, Egypt, Argentina, Pakistan have joined the arms manufacturing countries. Stinger missiles are sold to Asian countries who would use them in day to day quarrels; their mass media would tout pretenses to start a clash. How else are these Stinger missiles going to be used?

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possible quarrels: ask Bangladesh to start a dispute over the control of their lands flooded by the rivers Brahmaputra, supply the weaker side saying their case is just. Then through third parties supply India with rocket-propelled grenades, new cannons that will rain 80 shells a minute. Supply Sri Lankan militants with Stinger missiles and the government would come begging for some. Now you offer them laser guided Stinger missiles with more sting in it (nuclear tipped), a billion a piece. Clinch a bargain. Tell the boys you go in for the latest model AK 67, an advanced Kalashnikov, now we have MK-Antonovs, and keep the arms sales a brisk business with dollars changing hands across the Pak border.

War games are played just to test the killing power; the generals virtually put the President into the brink as they did in Cuba the then President J.F. Kennedy, panicked risking a nuclear holocaust — but the Army top brass don't care for the consequences. A clear thinking Kennedy, however, completely outwitted the mentally deranged generals by adopting a tactic of showing the opponent an opportunity to make a deal. Both sides used restraint but suppose a Stalin was at the other end, he would have sent rockets to Washington D.C. in blitzkrieg leaving no time even to press the button for retaliation. America would have been devastated with the Russians' heavier punch, though less in number. Or sent a million tanks into a panzer movement like Montgomery tactic in the World War II leaving Europe in mayhem which America could never help. All because of acting on the advice, or rather, pressure from Army generals for, to them, human lives mean nothing, except victory or defeat.

America has asked Japan to increase defence

spending; it supplies arms and aircraft manufacturing technology to China. It knows Japan is becoming too rich to control; it would instigate China over an old feud to start a war with Japan. It would just be fun for the Americans to see two yellow peril racing at each other like in a free-style American wrestling match. The spoils is for the arms suppliers — America and its allies. Again it finds Taiwan quickly building F-16 like America and getting

Hoffman urges novices to beat system

DUSTIN HOFFMAN says young actors should do whatever they must to beat the system and find work, even if that means pestering celebrities like himself.

The star had warm praise Wednesday for Neal Foster, 23, the fledgling actor who doggedly harried him into his campaign to raise enough money to put on a play.

"If you know that no one cares and that the odds are you're not going to work, then you have to beat

the system. Now this guy's beating the system," Hoffman said in a public interview conducted by Foster before a capacity audience at the Playhouse Theatre.

"You have to find a way to act he's finding a way to act," said Hoffman, who is appearing on London's West End through Sept. 23 in Shakespeare's "The Merchant of Venice."

"You cannot get a job by doing what everyone else does." He (Foster) knows that.

The Oscar-winning star is Foster's biggest catch yet in an ongoing series of celebrity interviews he is conducting to finance a staging of Anton Chekhov's classic, "The Sea Gull."

Foster, a 1989 graduate of the Bristol Old Vic Theatre school, wants to appear in and produce the classic play next April at the Birmingham's Repertory Theatre in the English Midlands.

Foster approached Hoffman at the stage door of "Merchant" on June 21 to enlist his help, and

Hoffman agreed. The almost two-hour interview sold out the 725-seat playhouse and contributed £3,300 (about \$5,180) toward the £15,000 (\$23,500) needed to stage the play, Foster said.

To date, Foster has raised more than £13,000 (\$20,400). He said he should reach his total when he holds his next interview — with Jack Lemmon on Sept. 20.

The occasion found a bearded, casually dressed Hoffman in expansive and gregarious form, as he

discussed topics ranging from family and the price of fame to the rewards and occasional difficulties of the Bard.

"Shakespeare makes you dry. I never dried before," said Hoffman, referring to the term used when actors forget their lines. "You're skating on ice, you're up there, you start feeling good, and suddenly you don't know the next line."

Hoffman's London, and Shakespearean, stage debut received mixed reviews from the critics in

June. The same production, directed by Sir Peter Hall, opens Dec. 14 at the 46th Street theatre on Broadway in New York City.

When asked about unfulfilled ambitions, Hoffman quoted the late English actor-knight, Sir Ralph Richardson, who said, "I'd like to learn a little bit more about acting before it's too late."

Despite his success with the celebrity interviews, Foster harbours no ambition to become a journalist. (AP—London).

Variety



Double handicap

Double arm amputee Jim Taylor watches the ball fly out of sand trap near the 15th green at Singing Hills Country Club on Aug. 23. Taylor was taking part in the 41st annual NAGA Amputee Golf Championship. Taylor lost his arms at the age of 10 after an accident with a 7,300 volt power line.

CONSTRUCTION in out-of-the-way spots under freezing conditions can be a logistical nightmare, so Wilfrid Nixon is hoping to mix sand with water to make ice strong enough for offshore Arctic oil platforms.

Some companies have built drilling platforms of ice, but "adding sand would make it stronger, and you could make the structure quicker, because you're adding less water to achieve the same volume," said Nixon, who is studying aluminum-reinforced ice at the University of Iowa.

"I've spoken with some of the engineers at Mobil who do research in the ice area. They think it's a good idea," he said. So did the National Science Foundation, which gave him a \$35,000 grant in November to test his theory.

Clad in sandals and a short-sleeved shirt, Nixon oversees experiments done in 23-degree Fahrenheit (minus 5 Centigrade) temperatures at the Institute of Hydraulic Research lab. He and his associates freeze water and different types and blends of sand into beams and cylinders, some of them seven feet (more than two metres) long and weighing 1,000 pounds (450 kilograms).

"We've tested 400 beams and anticipate testing another 400 before it's all over," he said.

In the Arctic, sand could be shipped in or dredged from the sea bed and mixed with water from "huge great versions of snow-making machines" used to make the base. A base of sand and ice could weigh about 10 tons (900 kilograms), Nixon said.

Platform bases have been made of steel, concrete and ice. With sand and ice, he said, "a base for a drilling platform could take about 30 days as opposed to 50 days for just the ice. Sixty to 90 days is typically how long it takes to get it constructed with the other materials."

Nixon estimates a company could save \$500,000 with a sand-ice base.

He hopes to test his theories at a reservoir near Iowa City if it's cold enough this winter. (AP—Iowa City)

Ice construction feasible

Solitary run

Shells keep athletes home

WHEN the Lebanese try to pick a team for an international competition these days, the decision is usually dictated by the rate of falling shells rather than by athletic achievement.

Lebanon's team to the World University Games was reduced to a single sprinter after heavy fighting prevented other hopefuls from making the trip.

"We were planning to bring 16 athletes, but the fighting was so heavy that they could not get out of Lebanon," said Tarek Moussalli, the only Lebanese competitor who made it to Duisburg.

His trip began with a four-hour taxi ride from Beirut to Damascus, a night spent at the airport in the Syrian capital, flight to Amsterdam, another flight to Frankfurt and yet another connection to Dusseldorf, near Duisburg.

Moussalli, a sprinter who will compete in the 100- and 200-metre dashes, is a veteran of University Games, which are held every two years.

"These are my third and I really wanted to be here because I am 27 and I won't be eligible for the next ones," he told the Associated Press in an interview. University Games are open to athletes up to 28 years of age.

"I have many friends from previous Games and other competitions and this was my first chance to see them again," he said.

Moussalli is a computer science student at the American University of Beirut. The AUB campus has been closed since early March, when the latest round of fighting between Christian forces and Syrian troops began.

In recent weeks, Beirut has endured some of the heaviest artillery duels in the civil war that has wracked the country for 14 years.

"It was very bad last week, just about the time we were planning to leave," Moussalli said Wednesday.

He said the team originally had planned to leave by boat for Cyprus from the Christian port of Jounieh.

But the shelling was so fierce that only three people managed to catch the boat, all of them officials of the team and non-competitors.

"That left me and a woman competitor from West Beirut. But she was afraid of the fighting and she called me to say she wasn't going. So I decided to try to make it on my own," Moussalli said.

Moussalli lives in Muslim-controlled West Beirut on the once-fashionable Hamra street. He said he couldn't cross the Green Line that separates West Beirut from the Christian-dominated East Beirut.

"Shells were falling everywhere. But then there was a lull on Saturday morning and I took the taxi to Damascus," he said.

There are more problems for aspiring Lebanon athletes.

Moussalli said he and the three team officials, all in their 20s, had to pay for their own travel, all other expenses and even their own team uniforms — jeans, striped shirts and beige linen jackets, emblazoned with Lebanon's red-and-white flag with a cedar.

"When we ask for money from the government, they tell us it's not the time for such trips. So many people lost their homes. That's where the money is needed. And we understand that."

"But we are enthusiasts. We want to compete, to set our personal bests and we want to meet other students."

"And no one comes to Lebanon these days so we have to try to travel."

Moussalli still cherishes memories of past competitions, but his meeting with Carl Lewis sticks out. The Lebanese said he once ran in the same heat as Lewis in a meet in Seoul, South Korea, in 1988.

"I ran my personal best of 10.82 seconds in the 100 and I met Carl. I will never forget that trip. It was great."

There is still opportunity for Moussalli and his friends to train.

Captive breeding works

Oryx returns

HERDS of white oryx, a rare breed of desert antelope, once again roam the stony plateau of central Oman, the result of a last-minute effort against extinction.

The sultanate launched the white oryx project in 1979 to reintroduce the animal to its native habitat in Arabia.

The 10th anniversary of the project passed without ceremony here in the south Arabian desert. But the desert tribesmen who watch over the herds say proudly: "The oryx have come back."

"They seem to have settled in well. We are delighted with the way in which the project is proceeding," said the Omani government's Muscat-based conservation adviser, British expatriate Ralph Daly. "Rains in March and June this year have provided especially good grazing."

The oryx's comeback was cited this week by the World Conservation Union's species survival commission, meeting in Rome.

"This is the flagship example of a dramatic species saved from extinction by captive breeding," said Ulysses S. Seal, a professor at the University of Minnesota and chairman of the union's captive breeding group.

The last free-ranging white oryx (*Oryx leucoryx*) were hunted and killed here in 1972 by a raiding party from outside Oman.

But the decline in oryx numbers already was becoming apparent a decade earlier, and a group of international conservation organizations had banded together to preserve the species.

In 1962, three animals were captured in southern Arabia and joined other oryx already in captivity. A herd was formed at the Phoenix Zoo in Arizona in the United States. The objective was to safeguard the species for eventual reintroduction to its native lands.

The area of Jiddat Al Harasis, 250 miles (400 kilometers) southwest of Muscat, was chosen because it provided an environment in which oryx were once known to thrive. Its vegetation, fed by sea-borne mists, provides the diversity of nourishment the animal needs.

In addition, the conservation-minded Harasis tribe favored the plan and volunteered to act as range wardens.

The white oryx can survive under harsh desert conditions because they can go for long periods without drinking water, surviving only on dew and mists.



Oryx saved

background as they rest in tree shade in the heat of the day.

Their strong legs and large hooves enable them to move over difficult terrain in search of grazing and water.

Here in the Jiddat, where they graze over a range of some 2,500 square kilometers (1,000 square miles), oryx are known to have travelled 75 kilometers (45 miles) in a period of 12 hours at night and have survived for 11 months without drinking water.

They have an expected lifespan in the wild of some 15 to 20 years. In good years, females can produce a calf an average of once a year. Oryx weigh three to five kilograms (seven to 12 pounds) at birth and reach 60 to 80 kilograms (132 to 176 pounds) as adults.

New animals continue to be brought from the United States. The latest arrivals in January, bred in the San Diego zoo, were descendants of oryx captured in Arabia. (AP)

Senility not inevitable

Ageing brains

LISY JARVIK disliked the notion she was doomed to get senile when she grew old, so as a young psychologist in 1946 she began to study how age influences the brain.

"I didn't want to believe our intelligence would go down from then on. It didn't seem like a good thing to face for the rest of your life," said Jarvik, now a psychiatrist, paediatrician and geriatrician.

By giving intelligence tests to 134 pairs of elderly twins over four decades, she concluded that old age alone doesn't rob people of their mental abilities and that when people do get senile, it's likely due to disease.

Research by Jarvik, a psychiatry professor and chief of neuropsychiatry at the University of California, Los Angeles, may help explain why some elderly people become senile, while others remain sharp until death.

"I don't think mental decline is necessary in old age," she said. "We don't know yet how to prevent it, but we have a lot of clues" including the possibility that a healthy lifestyle — including good nutrition and exercise and avoiding drugs, alcohol, cigarettes and pollution — may help prevent or delay senility.

Jarvik's research also led her to speculate that people, through lifestyle improvement, might someday live to 120 or even 150, and that intelligence test scores might be used to identify people who face senility and need treatment.

Dementia, the preferred medical term, is the loss of the ability to think clearly, express oneself intelligently and do complex intellectual tasks.

"Her work certainly has contributed to change in the general idea about what happens in normal aging," said psychologist David Arenberg of the National Institute on Aging's Gerontology Research Centre in Baltimore.

The once-controversial idea that old age doesn't necessarily doom people to senility now is "almost universally accepted," said Arenberg, who studies how the elderly remember, learn, solve problems and process information.

But there still is disagreement over whether subtle loss of people's mental faculties is due to disease.

Jarvik said the elderly do tend to slow down mentally and physically, and that some memory loss may be due to aging, not disease.

But even if mental deterioration often — rather than always — results from some underlying disease, there is hope that science can learn to help people postpone loss of their intellectual abilities.

Jarvik started her lifelong research project in 1946 when she went to work for Columbia University psychiatrist Franz Kallmann.

Kallmann had just started studying the 134 pairs of twins in their 50s and 60s to learn what environmental factors, like lifestyle, might be responsible for intellectual differences between members of each pair.

Because identical twins are genetically identical and fraternal twins share inherited traits, scientists assume somewhat simplistically that differences between them tend to be due to differences in their environment.

Jarvik took over the study a couple of years later, administering intelligence tests to the twins about every five years. Many findings were published in the 1960s, but the study continued until 1986, after the last twins died.

The twins didn't necessarily decline intellectually after 60. Indeed, as their average age rose from 64 to 73, they did better on all intelligence tests except those related to speed. Only as they reached their 80s did scores fall.

Jarvik's conclusion that disease, not age, was responsible, was based on two other major findings of the study:

— In every pair, the twin who first showed a decline on certain intelligence test scores also was the first to die.

— Those who initially scored low on the tests were roughly four times more likely than high-

HEALTH

Anti-smoking campaign working: Anti-smoking campaign in the United States of America during the last 25 years has helped to prevent nearly three quarters of a million smoking-related deaths, according to report published Friday by the World Health Organisation (WHO).

While over 50 million Americans continue to smoke, more than 90 million would be smoking in the absence of the changes in the smoking-and-health environment that have occurred since 1964, the report said.

Though nearly half of all living American adults who never smoked have quit, smoking is still responsible for more than one of every six deaths in the country and it remains the single most important preventable cause of death in society today, the report noted.

By mid-1988, over 320 local communities had adopted regulations restricting smoking in public places, compared to 90 at the end of 1985. Moreover, the number of new state laws restricting smoking in public places in 1987 exceeded those passed in any previous year.

The report finds that a growing body of evidence on the role of economic incentives in influencing health behaviour has contributed to increased interest in and use of such incentives to discourage use of tobacco products.

These include excise taxation of tobacco products, workplace financial incentives, and insurance premium differentials for smokers and non-smokers.

Among its "key new findings", the report observes that in marked contrast to the trends in virtually all areas of smoking control policy, the number of legal restrictions on children's access to tobacco products has decreased over the past quarter century.

Studies indicated that vendor compliance with minimum-age-of-purchase laws was the exception rather than the rule. (UPI)

Better than aspirin: A new anti-clotting drug appears more effective than aspirin for protecting people at high risk of suffering strokes especially women, researchers reported Wednesday.

Strokes result most commonly from clots cutting off blood to the brain and previous studies have shown aspirin can reduce the risk of these clots forming.

Ticlopidine hydrochloride, which is made by Syntex Research of Palo Alto, California, also reduces the chances blood will clot, although it works somewhat differently.

"I'm excited. I never expected it to turn out this good," said Dr William Hass, a professor of neurology at the New York University School of Medicine, who led the study. "We have a new drug to add to aspirin in the armamentarium of treatment which can be used to prevent strokes."

About 500,000 Americans suffer strokes each year, 147,000 die and as many as 40,000 have had warning signs.

The study involved 3,069 patients throughout North America who experienced warning signs, such as minor strokes. They took ticlopidine or aspirin every day without knowing which one they were taking. (UPI)

Free condoms for addicts: The Dutch port of Rotterdam has decided to make free condoms available to drug addicts in an attempt to reduce the spread of AIDS, city officials said on Thursday.

Rotterdam, along with most other major Dutch cities, already offers addicts free syringes to try and limit AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome). The one-year trial programme will cost about \$25,000.

Up to 300 of Rotterdam's estimated 2,500 drug addicts have been exposed to the AIDS virus. (Reuters)

Cheaper AIDS treatment: The cost of treating AIDS could be halved by giving patients a drug normally used for gout, in combination with the new medicine, AZT, a report said here today.

The British Medical Journal, The Lancet, pointed out that doctors at the John Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore in the US, said the combination of the two extended the duration of action of the AIDS drug, AZT.

British experts were quoted by the media here as saying that this means that in some patients the same dose could be given eight-hourly, instead of four-hourly.

At current doses AZT costs at least £4,000 a year per patient.

The Lancet said that reducing the cost is particularly important now that there is evidence that AZT delays the onset of the killer disease in HIV-infected people, as well as prolonging the lives of patients with the disease. (UPI)

Blood transfusion risk: The head of Britain's National Blood Transfusion Service (NBTS) has denied that people who have had a blood transfusion were at high risk of catching hepatitis.

A report in Thursday's Guardian newspaper claimed that in the past month up to 6,000 people have received a blood transfusion which may have been contaminated with a form of hepatitis, a disease which can damage the liver.

But the NBTS director Dr Harold Gunson said "It's not quite the correct interpretation."

He said the transfusion service had tested 9,000 blood samples and found that less than one per cent was positive for Hepatitis C, one of the milder forms of the disease more commonly known as Non-A, Non-B, hepatitis.

He tried to reassure the public by saying "If I need a blood transfusion tomorrow I would have one. The chance of having a complication are very small." (UPI)

Breast cancer on increase in US: The incidence of breast cancer and deaths from the disease continue to increase among American women, the US centres for disease control reported yesterday.

Despite that, most women in the United States are not taking advantage of the most effective method of detection, a breast X-ray or mammogram.

An American Cancer Society survey found only 41 per cent of doctors agreed with federal guidelines which recommend mammograms every one to two years for women over 40 and annual mammograms for women over 50. An even lower number — only about 11 per cent — actually recommended the procedure. (Reuters)

Scorers to become senile 20 years later.

The findings "indicate we're dealing with some sort of a disease process that affects the brain," she said. Such ailments may include those that attack the brain directly, such as Alzheimer's disease, and "some process taking place elsewhere in the body that affects the blood supply to the brain."

That suggests that declining intelligence tests might be a way to detect the subtle beginnings of Alzheimer's attack on the brain or of brain impairment caused indirectly by other diseases, Jarvik said. Older people who believe they are losing their men-

tal abilities might want to "check with their doctor to see if they're physically ill," she said.

Arenberg disagreed: "Just because a person believes his or her mental capacity is diminishing doesn't mean that is accurate."

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Most Pacific islands never had a Stone Age, but at Nan Madol, the walls are made of stone blocks that weigh up to 50 tons.

Archaeologists believe the stones came from another island and were brought to the site on rafts. But how labourers were able to lift them remains a mystery.

It takes an hour by fast boat across a lagoon to reach the ruined city. At low tide visitors must wade through a sea grass swamp and climb slippery rocks to the ruin's dark grey, moss-covered walls.

Nudity taboo in space

'Sounds of Earth' goes out to aliens

If aliens ever find the Voyager 2 probe in the depths of space, they will find a calling card from the people of planet Earth, a snapshot of 20th-century humanity engraved on a record that will last a billion years.

The 1-ton probe's flyby of Neptune late Thursday marks the fourth and final planetary encounter for the hardy spacecraft after a 12-year odyssey that has carried it past Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, a host of moons and now, the eighth planet from the sun.

Following its close encounter, Voyager 2 will continue on forever into the space between the stars, an artifact that will survive hundreds of millions of years, outlasting any human civilisation.

Aliens, however, are another matter and on the off-chance starfaring creatures ever stumble across the derelict probe, they will find a gold-plated copper record called "Sounds of Earth" that will give them a glimpse of Voyager 2's makers.

Ann Druyan, creative director of the "Sounds of Earth" project, described the record as "A kind of aural history of the Earth going from the geological to the biological to the technological."

"We have a new mother singing a kind of lullaby to her infant child. We have a kiss, a man and a woman kissing. We have the kind of hilarious laughter of someone at a party," she said in a recent interview.

Mounted on the side of the spacecraft is a 12-inch copper record featuring greetings in 60 languages, samples of Eastern and Western music, including "Johnny B. Goode" by Chuck Berry, and sounds of nature such as wind, thunder and the chirps and barks of wild animals.

The brainchild of astronomer Carl Sagan, the record is expected to remain playable up to a billion years in the pristine environment of space. An identical album was placed aboard the Voyager 1 spacecraft, launched 16 days after Voyager 2.

"The reason that the Voyager record inevitably raises goosebumps on people is that ... it's so forward looking," Druyan said. "The shelf life of the record is 1 billion years."

"So here's an artifact that probably has the best chance of surviving human civilisation of anything we've ever built or made. So intrinsically, it's just a very romantic idea."

Along with music and spoken greetings, the record also carries information that can be decoded to produce pictures, diagrams and printed words, including a message from former President Jimmy Carter written before Voyager 2's launch in 1977.

"This is a present from a small distant world, a token of our sounds, our science, our images, our music, our thoughts and our feelings," Carter wrote. "We are attempting to survive our time so we may live into yours."

"We hope someday, having solved the problems we face, to join in a community of galactic civilisations. This record represents our hope and our determination and our good will in a vast and awesome universe."

Each record is mounted in an aluminum jacket that features instructions, in a mathematical code, on how to play the album.

"Sounds of Earth" begins with 115 photographs and diagrams in the fields of geology, mathematics, chemistry and biology with pictures of human beings from a variety of cultures.

Also included are diagrams showing Earth's solar system and its approximate position in the Milky Way Galaxy, descriptions of DNA and so on. The pictures are followed by greetings spoken in 60 languages, including a message by Kurt Waldheim, then Secretary-General of the United Nations.

"Sounds of Earth" features musical selections from around the world, including both Eastern and Western classical music, rock 'n' roll, jazz and a variety of ethnic music. The record runs about two hours.

Among the sounds of nature preserved on the album are a baby's cry, whale songs, heartbeats, elephant, Morse code, a jet, laughter, dogs, a riveter and auto gears shifting.

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VARIETY

Lost children of Ethiopia disclose a sister

ADDIS ABABA, Aug 25 (AP): Two siblings, thought to be the legendary lost white children of Ethiopia, have revealed the existence of a sister.

The three appeared together for the first time last week at the US embassy for an interview with Consul Richard Adams in an attempt to find their parents.

Meanwhile, a representative of the International Rescue Committee, a voluntary, non-partisan agency that resettles, rehabilitates and assists refugees, arrived in Ethiopia's capital to try to take all three youngsters to the United States.

"We are prepared to arrange transportation, care and education for them in the

states," said Ron Laytner, an author and freelance journalist from Florida.

Laytner and Adams acknowledged that could be difficult. Haile Mariam Gadeissa and his sisters, Tegest and Lesa, are considered to be Ethiopian nationals, at least for now.

Haile Mariam and Tegest first came to the attention of US officials when they were brought to the embassy by an Ethiopian friend in June.

In their initial interview with then-consul Carol Rose, who retired from the Foreign Service earlier this month, they made no mention of their sister Lesa. They say they feared for her safety.

But in their interview with the new consul,

the three haltingly told essentially the same story that Haile Mariam and Tegest related through an interpreter to Mrs Rose.

It is a tale of being taken from a white family some years ago by their Ethiopian housekeeper to live with his sister and brother-in-law, a couple of the Oromo tribe who raised them as natives.

It was Adams' first chance to meet and talk with any of the three, all thought to be in their early 20s. An Associated Press reporter was allowed to sit in on the two-hour interview.

None of the youngsters has a clear recollection of their real parents, but they spoke for the first time of seeing a photo album in the mud and grass-thatched hut that became their

home.

The album, they said, contained pictures showing them as small children with their white parents. Haile Mariam said the photos were destroyed in a fire that razed their foster parents' home years ago.

The three are not sure why they were taken to live with the tribal couple but believe their father became ill and had to be evacuated from Ethiopia, accompanied by their mother.

The story of two lost white children is a legendary one in Ethiopia, known by many people and told in many variations. Most tell

ings of Haile Mariam and Lesa, who were raised together by the Oromo couple.

But the embassy has been unable to find any record of the youngsters or their parents, although Adams said a few vague clues have come to light since their story was told publicly earlier this month in an AP story distributed world-wide.

Adams and an Ethiopian attorney hired by the embassy are trying to track down those clues. One, Adams said, was a tip in a letter mailed from Addis Ababa that the father had been a chemist at a local brewery.

The AP article also brought some donations of cash and cheques and many more offers of help for the youngsters, both to the

embassy and to AP's New York headquarters.

The Oromo woman who raised the three says they were brought to her and her husband by her brother, who died shortly afterward. She denied they had been kidnapped, but was vague about her brother's motives.

"They were beautiful children, very white," she told reporters through an interpreter at her farm about 50 miles (80 kilometres) outside the capital.

Adams' interview of the three young people, who tell of a lifetime of physical abuse and mistreatment by their foster father and other villagers because of their appearance, broke off when they became agitated.

Mirror to cool earth

Action against global warming

New 'cold war'

WASHINGTON, Aug 25. (UPI): Gigantic orbiting mirrors may offer a solution — albeit a very costly one — to earth's anticipated woes with global warming if pollution control efforts fail, a Swiss scientist said.

In a letter published in the British journal *Nature*, Walter Seifritz said he thinks it is unlikely humans will do much in the near future to reduce pollution that threatens to boost the planet's temperature.

Carbon dioxide and other gases generated by fuel consumption and burning of tropical forests warm earth's atmosphere by trapping solar heat like a greenhouse.

Many scientists predict if current pollution trends continue, earth's temperature could rise four to nine degrees over the next 70 years. Such an increase would cause a marked rise in sea levels and dramatic climate changes.

If efforts to cut emission of so-called greenhouse gases fail and serious global warming occurs, Seifritz contends "a remote but feasible possibility" would be to lower temperatures by artificially blocking the amount of sunlight reaching earth.

"To compensate for a temperature increase of 1.5 degrees Kelvin (4.5 degrees Fahrenheit or 15°C), the solar radiation must be reduced by about 3.5 per cent. The task could be done by satellites bearing large, lightweight mirrors," wrote the professor from Switzerland's Swissair Institute.

Under Seifritz's unusual plan, a satellite bearing 45 million tons of aluminium mirrors would be stationed at a point where it will always stand between the earth and sun. The position — which astronomers call a Lagrange point — is 900,000 miles (1,450,000 km) from earth.

The gargantuan 20-year effort would cost six per cent of the gross national product of the world per year, which is roughly equivalent to its total annual

SUDAN, Aug 25. (AP): Soviet and US scientists say a new kind of cold war is needed, this time to unite the two superpowers in a fight to cool down global warming.

Soviet scientist Roald Sagdeev recalled yesterday a warning he gave a Soviet audience. "I suggested that the issue of environmental survival should be elevated to the level of nuclear survival."

Sagdeev was among 11 Soviets and more than 80 Americans, including astronomer Carl Sagan and US Sen Bill Bradley, participating in a four-day symposium dubbed "greenhouse glasnost" by its sponsors, the Soviet Academy of Sciences and the Institute for Resource Management, founded by actor-filmmaker Robert Redford.

Scientists agree, Redford said, that man-made pollutants are raising global temperatures. "We have to get past this business of hearing the phrase, 'we need more study,'" Redford said. "We must act."

The United States and Soviet Union are the world's biggest producers of carbon dioxide and chlorofluorocarbons, gases that trap solar heat in a process called the "greenhouse effect."

Redford said the two nations must take the lead in reversing the warming trend, which some researchers contend could alter worldwide weather patterns, melt the polar ice caps, and flood coastal regions.

Developing nations are fast catching up with the superpowers in producing pollutants. "You can't tell these Third World countries, please don't do what we did," Sagan said. "The United States and Soviet Union have to come in with economically feasible alternatives.

military expenditure," Seifritz wrote.

James Hansen, director of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Goddard Institute for space studies, said Seifritz' proposed venture may sound like science fiction, but it is not totally absurd.

"Sure, it would cool the earth if it reduces the amount of sunlight coming in," Hansen said. "There is no reason it is not possible."

Hansen added: "Orbiting mirrors might be less expensive than Seifritz projects, noting his calculations show a two per cent reduction in sunlight would be sufficient to offset a temperature increase caused by a doubling of carbon dioxide."

Seifritz said there are a few potential drawbacks to his far-out scenario. Due to the satellite's relatively "unstable position," Seifritz said it could be difficult to get it back in proper

orbit should it drift away.

In addition, he does not know if it is possible to produce thin aluminum reflecting foils capable of withstanding solar winds and other wearing forces over a long period of time.

Seifritz is not the first to come up with dramatic strategies for solving global warming woes. Others have suggested using airplanes to seed the upper atmosphere with sulfur dioxide to form sunlight-reflecting clouds, spreading styrofoam beads across the ocean to reduce absorption of infrared heat and artificially increasing the amount of carbon dioxide-consuming microbes in the ocean.

Hansen said he thinks most researchers are not seriously considering such plans. But he said mind-boggling scenarios "underline the fact that this problem is not going to be easy to solve if we wait until it is too late."

Under the agreement, part of the money goes to MSU. No specific use for the funds has been announced, although international student exchanges or internships are possible, Marlis said.

Except for English translations along with the authentic Cyrillic lettering, the multi-coloured garments are exact replicas of those on sale in Moscow.

"I have a teen-age son and he and his friends went crazy over the (MSU) samples," said Dena Axelrod, President of Funstuff N.Y., a garment manufacturer that handles "Batman" and "Ghostbuster" products and is producing the MSU line.

"There is interest in the Soviet Union and interest in Soviet products," said Marlis, who had previously worked on product lines linked to such films as "Robocop" and "Platoon."

Judging from the number of advertisements in upmarket or political magazines ranging from the *New Yorker* to *Rolling Stone*, a nine-year-old marina moviegoer at a recent screening of the classic 1949 version of "Treasure Island."

The dive-in is now in its second season at the 18 hectare (44 acres) theme park about 48 km (30 miles) east of Los Angeles. During the summer, performances are held every Friday night and have so far have included "Creature from the Black Lagoon" in 3-D, "Jaws" and "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea."

The idea originated at a Raging Waters staff party.

"We're looking for something to do for the employees," recalled General Manager Kent Lemasters. "We thought it would be fun to go

Watch out, America, glasnost is coming

NEW YORK, Aug 25, (Reuter): The T-shirt world, currently ruled by such icons as Batman and Ghostbusters, is making room for Moscow State University and other emblems of glasnost.

Along with loaves of Russian black bread flown in daily by Aeroflot, board games with names like "Russian roulette," and assorted gadgets adorned with hammers and sickles, are an array of T-shirts, sweatshirts and jackets with Soviet motifs.

They are sold through mail order catalogues, university bookstores, city news stands, even a Greenwich village eatery transformed from the "Last Licks" ice cream parlour to the "Glasnost Cafe."

The latest addition to glasnost chic is honest-to-goodness Moscow State University (MSU) clothing, which began hitting American stores this month.

T-shirts and other paraphernalia from American colleges have long been popular in Moscow and other foreign cities. Now, thanks to glasnost, Americans can wear clothing bearing the insignia of MSU — the alma mater of Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev and his wife Raisa.

"We think this is hot," said Rand Marlis, President of creative licensing, the California agency that arranged the unprecedented consumer licensing agreement between US firms and the Soviet agency Licensing.

Under the agreement, part of the money goes to MSU. No specific use for the funds has been announced, although international student exchanges or internships are definite possibilities, Marlis said.

Except for English translations along with the authentic Cyrillic lettering, the multi-coloured garments are exact replicas of those on sale in Moscow.

"I have a teen-age son and he and his friends went crazy over the (MSU) samples," said Dena Axelrod, President of Funstuff N.Y., a garment manufacturer that handles "Batman" and "Ghostbuster" products and is producing the MSU line.

"There is interest in the Soviet Union and interest in Soviet products," said Marlis, who had previously worked on product lines linked to such films as "Robocop" and "Platoon."

Judging from the number of advertisements in upmarket or political magazines ranging from the *New Yorker* to *Rolling Stone*, a nine-year-old marina moviegoer at a recent screening of the classic 1949 version of "Treasure Island."

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Amphitheatre afloat

'Dive-in' movie makes big splash

THE audience floats in rubber inner tubes and the ushers are lifeguards.

Welcome to the one-of-a-kind outdoor aquatic theatre or, to put it simply the dive-in movie — a new Hollywood attraction that is making a big splash at southern California's Raging Waters theme park.

"It's great because it's in the water, it's dark and it's like a drive-in," enthused Chris Smith, a nine-year-old marina moviegoer at a recent screening of the classic 1949 version of "Treasure Island."

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Raging Waters is blessed with a ready-made location. Along with such attractions as Typhoon Beach and the Bermuda Triangle, the park boasts a 60 metre (190 foot) wave pool in which bathers cling to inner tubes are jostled by ocean-like waves.

With a big screen set up at one end and situated in a ravine, the pool forms a natural amphitheatre.

The dive-in was such a success with employees that when Raging Waters marketing staff were thinking of a way to give additional value to customers, the solution was obvious.

"We wanted something to give people so they get more value for their money," Lemasters said.

Dive-in admission is included in the regular park entrance fee.

Lemasters estimates Friday evening attendance at the park has been boosted 25 per cent, with up to 500 people crowding the wave pool or lounging on an artificial beach.

"For some people it's king of the hip thing to do," Lemasters said. "It's a social thing."

At the "Treasure Island" performance, in fact, socialising, not film appreciation, seemed to be the main pursuit of many in the audience.

Bobbing around in inner tubes may not be as easy for lovestruck teenagers as sitting in the family Chevrolet at a drive-in but some relished the challenge.

But some of the younger moviegoers complained about the general boisterousness.

One youngster amused himself at a screening of "Jaws" by impersonating the monstrous shark of the title. "He was swimming underwater and scared a lot of people," said park spokeswoman Christie Karimi. "He'd look up and see who he could pinch."

But parents at the dive-in seemed to think it was all good clean fun.

"I think it's great because you're not stuck in a car," said one mother who had travelled to the park with her family from San Diego. "It's family-oriented and they're wholesome movies." (Reuter — San Dimas)

Islamic centre in Madrid

Spanish link between Europe and the Orient

MADRID, Aug 25, (Reuter): Once the main Arab outpost in Europe, Spain will next month unveil one of the West's largest Islamic cultural centres, a personal gift from King Fahd of Saudi Arabia.

A lavish white marble building whose 36-metre (120-foot) high minaret overlooks Madrid's ring motorway, the centre will house a library, exhibition and conference halls, a gymnasium, cafeteria and a three-storey mosque.

The Saudis say it will become an embassy for Islamic culture in a country which despite its history has one of the smallest Muslim communities in Western Europe.

"This building is evidence of what Spain means for the Arab world: The high point of its culture," a Saudi Embassy spokeswoman said.

Patios, fountains and pyramid-shaped roofs recall Granada's Alhambra Palace, the most refined example of medieval Moorish architecture in Spain.

Visitors toiling up the minaret's 150 steps emerge into the scorching sun to a splendid view over ochre-tiled roofs and blinding white patios.

King Fahd has given \$12.7 million to build the centre, although the spokeswoman said the final cost, when the Spanish builders hand over the centre to the Saudi ambassador next month, could prove somewhat higher.

Dr Richard Rosenthal, a psychiatrist at the University of California at Los Angeles, said he has found a close association between compulsive gambling and outstanding athletes.

Dr Paul Fink, immediate past president of the American Psychiatric Association, cautioned that the study couldn't say whether the

metres (19,000 sq yards), half of its six floors are underground and it sits squarely against the east Madrid skyline.

Only a few windows and gates open through the outer walls. The whole building is covered inside and out with marble from Almeria in southern Spain. Only old tiles, bleached by the sun to the pale ochre colour characteristic of Mediterranean countries, have been used for the roof.

The centre's mosque, with room for 8

By Carlton Stuart

DETECTIVE Chief Superintendent Ronald Harvey stood transfixed in the tiny bed-sitting room of factory foreman Graham Young.

Later, Harvey was to declare: "I had turned the key on a private hell. It was literally a shrine to murder — more specifically, to poison."

"The walls were covered with grotesque drawings of death. There was a plastic shrunken head, a shelf of books about famous killers, poisons, and many other forms of instant death."

"Above all, there were the poisons themselves — boxes, bottles and phials of them."

The detective seized a diary and, equally interesting, two documents which indicated that this same Graham Young had, 10 years before, in 1962, been convicted of poisoning his father, sister and schoolfriend. He had been sent to Broadmoor, the institution for the criminally insane.

And now, in 1972, the police were investigating the deaths of two men, Robert Egle and Frederick Biggs. Both of them had been fellow workers with Young at the photographic instrumentation firm of John Hadland in Bovingdon, Hertfordshire north of London.

Moreover, an epidemic of an unexplained illness known as — "the Bovingdon Bug" — had swept the neighbourhood.

When he was eventually arrested for murder, Graham Young asked a policeman: "Will they put me in Madame Tussauds? After all, I am one of the greatest mass poisoners of history."

They did put him in the museum and he was certainly that — a cruel and ruthless killer who despatched his victims with two deadly poisons.

Agonising

These were the slow-working thallium which caused agonising abdominal pain and violent disturbances of the brain, and antimony potassium tartrate, a sweet-tasting powder, soluble in water.

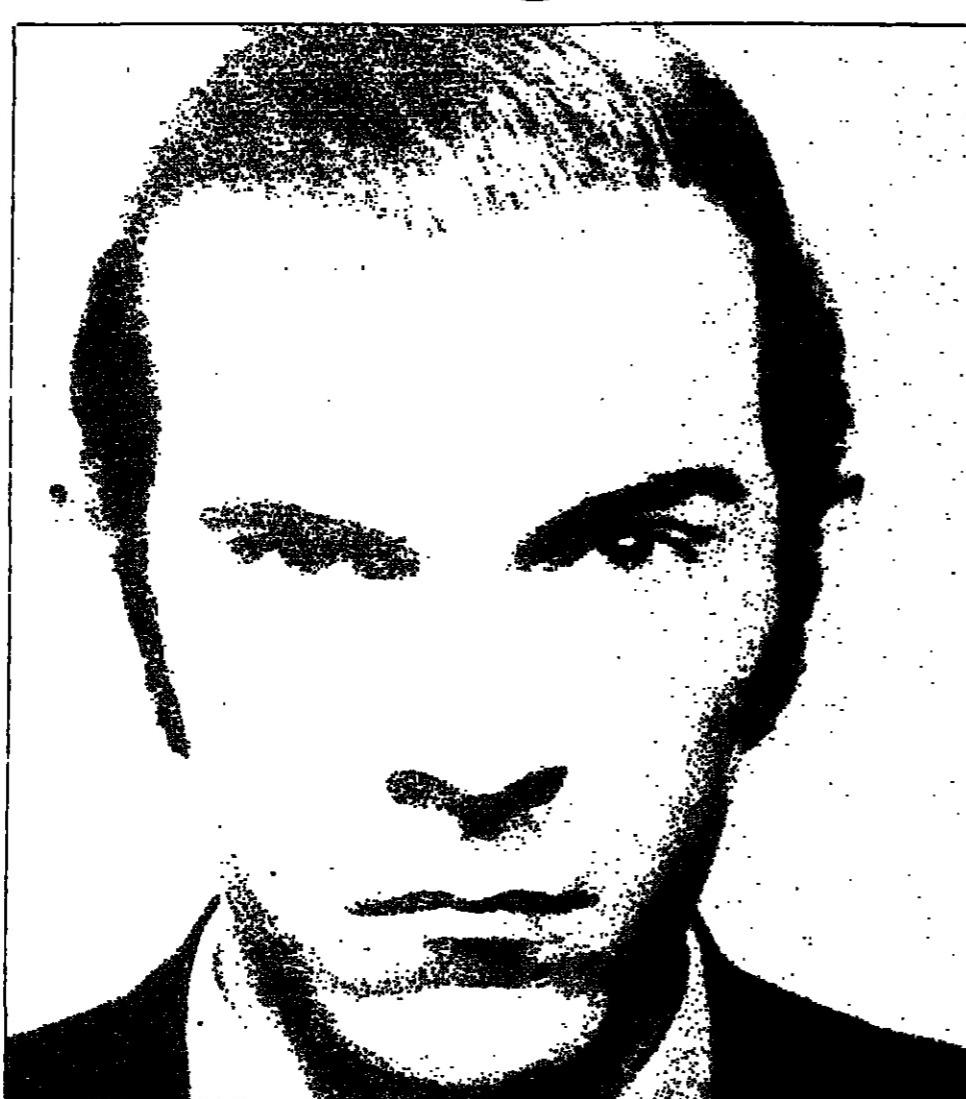
Thallium, used by the ancient Egyptians to poison enemies, is lethal at one grainme — enough to fill a salt spoon. Death, taking around seven days, is a painful process with intense abdominal pain, vomiting and violent headaches.

Antimony poisoning by mouth leads to persistent sickness and weakening of muscles. As with thallium convulsions occur in the early stages.

Graham Frederick Young had started on his macabre career at the age of 11. A liking for mice and caterpillars was by no means unusual in a small boy — but some of his family noticed that the creatures invariably died after elementary poison experiments by young Graham.

Mild anxiety felt by his father, sister and step-mother (Graham's own mother had died soon after his birth) turned to alarm at the rapidly growing collection of bottles and phials he kept in his bedroom and at the number of pets in the London suburb of Neasden, where the family lived, that seemed to be dying of mysterious ailments.

Nobody spotted Young's true character until it was too late. The discovery was made by his step-mother Mrs Molly Young and she paid for it with her life...



Graham Young's ambition was to achieve immortality by being cast in wax by Madame Tussauds and given the label 'great poisoner.' At just 14, he launched himself on a ruthless trail of death and destruction which ended with him poisoning six people. It earned him a life sentence and a place in the wax cabinet.



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Molly came across a bottle of antimony in her step-son's pocket and went at once to the chemist's shop to complain at the selling of such a lethal concoction to a young customer.

She discovered that the studious-looking schoolboy had been quite a regular at the shop. Everyone believed that he was far older than his age and that he needed poison for student experiments. He was signing the poison register "M. Evans."

Collapses

At barely 13 years old, Young on his own admission started feeding poison to his step-mother.

On April 21, 1962, Molly's death was put

down to collapse of a cervical disc but later Graham readily was to confirm that he had murdered Molly by slipping a fatal dose of thallium (20 grains) into her trifle the night before she died.

Of his hatred for his step-mother there could be no doubt. A drawing was found depicting a grave with spiders, skulls and snakes. Underneath were the scrawled words: "In hateful memory of Molly Young."

Graham's sister, Winnie, was more fortunate. She escaped death when she fed some of her sandwiches to pigeons during a lunch-break from work and saw them flap dead on neighbouring rooftops.

Then his father, Frederick Charles Young, was rushed to hospital in considerable agony. The doctors diagnosed antimony poisoning at just under the fatal dose. Mr Young's life was saved at the expense of a permanently damaged liver.

If the family still refused to believe that Graham was, at 14, a compulsive poisoner, the masters at John Kelly Secondary School had their own suspicions, based on observations of their distinctly odd pupil who actually took poison samples into class.

The police were swiftly informed. Graham Young was more than happy to confess to everything — including the fact that he had

feeding poisoned cream buns to Christopher Williams, one of his classmates.

Graham Young was committed to Broadmoor, along with warnings from psychiatrist and doctors that if he was ever released there could be no doubt that he would begin all over again.

The macabre warnings were ignored...

During the nine years and seven months that Young was in Broadmoor he gave the authorities few anxious moments. Above all, he impressed everyone with the depth of his medical knowledge.

Said one doctor: "I really had to be on my toes when he was around. His knowledge of

theoretical medicine was streets ahead of mine."

On his release, Young was sent for rehabilitation to a government training centre and from there he secured a job with Hadlands. His fellow employees were told that their new £24-a-week storeman had suffered a nervous breakdown.

Foul

The bosses of Hadlands were informed by the resettlement centre that Young who had suffered a deep-going personality disorder had, however, "made an extremely full recovery."

A surge of sympathy greeted the new arrival. Graham's fatherly boss, 60-year-old Bob Egle, was scrupulous in making Graham feel at home, while another colleague, 36-year-old Frederick Biggs, was especially friendly.

Graham Young repaid them with mugs of thallium in their morning coffee which he solicitously collected from the firm's tea trolley.

In addition to the macabre discoveries made at Young's lodgings by Superintendent Harvey, was a large, looseleaf pad in diary form with entries written in blue ink.

It proved very revealing. When, for example, a female work colleague annoyed him, Young wrote that she "irritated me intensely yesterday, so I packed her off home with an attack of sickness. I only gave her something to shake her up. I now regret I didn't give her a larger dose capable of laying her up for several days."

Of Frederick Biggs, one of his murder victims, Graham wrote: "I have administered a fatal dose of the special compound to him and anticipate a report on his progress on Monday November 1. I gave him three separate doses..."

The diary also dealt in considerable detail with minute changes that could occur in the body of each victim as poison doses were increased.

It became obvious from the diary entries that Young was prepared to poison anyone who crossed him, varying thallium — "My favourite substance" — with doses of antimony — "My little friend" — so that no one would link the sudden spate of illness and death.

Inevitably, he over-reached himself, stinging everyone with the depth of his knowledge at a staff conference to discuss the "bug." The police were brought in and Superintendent Ronald Harvey paid a visit to Young's lodgings...

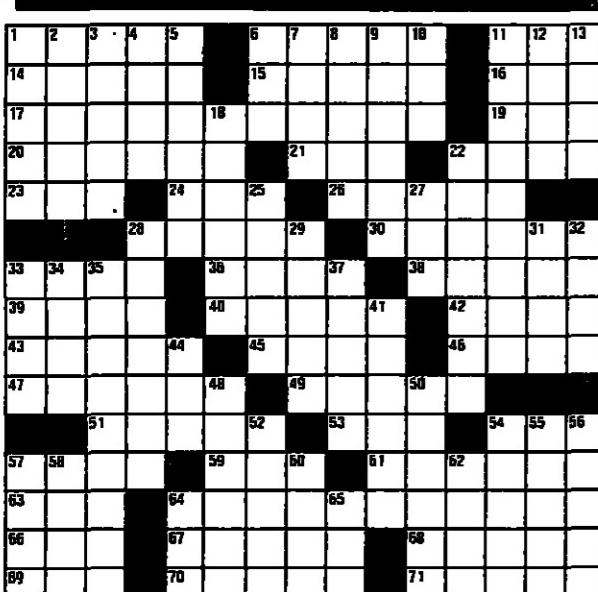
At Young's trial, which resulted in a life sentence, the poisoner dressed throughout in black and displayed no emotion whatsoever as he heard, recounted how some people had died and others had suffered.

He spoke calmly and clinically about his use of poisons. One police officer commented: "He obviously enjoyed the whole thing. He was in the lime-light again, getting his wish to be remembered as a famous poisoner."

And what of the Graham Young his family knew?

A few weeks before his arrest, he confessed to his sister Winnie: "I am lonely and cannot get close to people. You see, there's a terrible coldness inside me."

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- 1 Musical conclusions
- 2 E. as in "E Pluribus Unum"
- 3 Gretzky
- 4 Health resort
- 5 Common contraction
- 6 Not qualified
- 7 Man on the beat
- 8 E. as in "E Pluribus Unum"
- 9 Muhammad —
- 10 Stoat
- 11 Aviv
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- 28 Sandwich orders for short
- 29 Harvest
- 30 Eat away
- 31 Northern European
- 32 Demanded
- 33 O'clock scholar
- 34 Courtyards
- 35 Precedent
- 36 Trial
- 37 Actors Wallace and Noah
- 38 Alighieri
- 39 Pennies
- 40 Problem for Palmer
- 41 Parrot
- 42 King toppers
- 43 vs Wade
- 44 Part of a pencil
- 45 Youngster
- 46 E. in the alphabet
- 47 Afore
- 48 ... which will

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

SLAT	HALL	MIEN
MIME	EVIL	ANCON
ITEA	LENIA	STRIA
HERES	DAMON	
THUG	STAPES	
RAE	ERODE	TAXI
ATTORNEY	GENERAL	
SLAV	SEGO	AMO
HELENA	YARD	
RERUN	TRAMP	
MEMBERS	SOFT	THE BAR
AVOID	UTAH	ABRI
WAITE	ARLO	MONS
SILED	LEAR	STEM

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
IT CUTS BOTH WAYS

Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♦ 6 4 2
♥ A 10 7 5
♦ K Q 4
♣ A J 10

WEST
♦ K Q 10 8 ♠ 9 7 3
♥ 9 6 2 ♡ 8
♦ 9 7 5 2 ♠ A 10 8 3
♣ 5 3 ♣ K 9 8 6 2

SOUTH
♦ A J 5
♥ K Q J 4 3
♦ J 6
♣ Q 7 4

The bidding:

South West North East

1 Pass 3 Pass

4 Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: King of ♦

Once upon a time, war might

have been a question of getting there "fusses" with the "mostes." These days, there are ways of deflating an army from its course.

The bidding was straight out of an old Goren textbook. North's jump raise showed the equivalent of an opening bid with four-card support, and South had no ambitions beyond game.

After West leads the king of

spades, the defenders are there first. Their attack has targeted on declarer's weak spot. If declarer goes in with the ace, when East gets in with the ace of diamonds, a spade continuation nets the defenders two spade tricks and one trick in each minor suit.

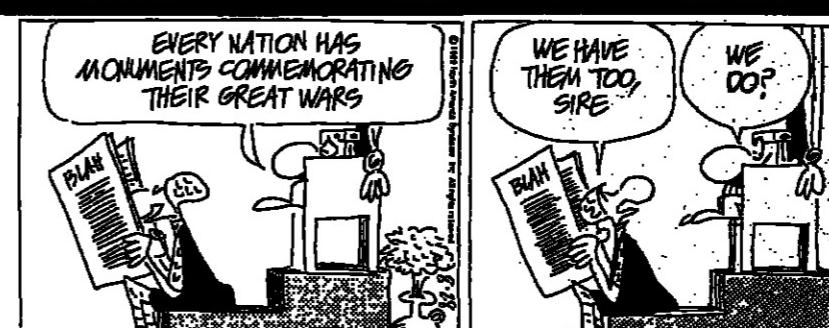
Declarer can blunt the enemy attack by refusing to win the first trick with the ace of spades. Now West cannot profitably continue with a spade, for that will give declarer two tricks in the suit. But shifting the attack to a club costs a tempo, and now declarer has the upper hand.

However, South must be careful not to surrender his advantage to the enemy. To take a finesse would do just that if East holds the king. To keep a step ahead, declarer must rise with the ace of clubs, draw trumps and then force out the ace of diamonds. Now the defenders are helpless. Declarer wins the spade shift with the ace and discards a spade on dummy's high diamond, using a trump as an entry, if necessary. That holds East-West to one trick in each side suit, and the contract is just home.

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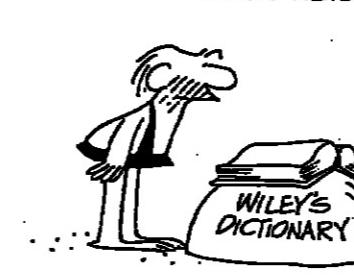
THE WIZARD OF ID



By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart

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APART-HEID



TO SEPARATE INDIVIDUALS ACCORDING TO THE COLOR OF THEIR HIDES.



YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 19)

You should not hesitate to give credit where credit is due. Try to take more interest in something your partner finds interesting. Avoid a temptation to eat too many sweet things. Be reliable.



Cancer (June 21 - July 22)

You will have to overcome a tendency to be lethargic. You must beware of taking too much for granted. You will tend to try too hard to your detriment. Be reasonable.



Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)

You will not find it easy to do what has to be done, but you would be quite wrong to try to avoid doing it. Your lucky numbers are 2 and 47. Do make sure you keep expenditure within reasonable limits. Exaggerations are to be avoided. Be reliable.



Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

Something you have learnt with some difficulty will stand you in very good stead just now. You must watch out for mistakes, other people's as well as your own. If you just hope for the best it will not happen. Be moderate.

Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

Your mood will have its ups and downs and you should try to avoid an argument. Make sure you do not do anything you are not really sure about. Try not to be quite so quick to take offence. Be practical.

Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)

You should avoid resting on your laurels. However, there is nothing wrong with being pleased with your achievements. You will be able to take things more in your stride. Be moderate.

Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)

Your mood will have its ups and downs and you should try to keep away from an argument. Do your best to relax. You should not allow yourself to jump to conclusions. Be abstemious.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

If you delay too long it will be too late, so beware. Do not just think the world owes you a living; it does not think it does. Avoid going to extremes. Be more patient.

Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)

Make sure you do not allow a friendly discussion to turn into a violent argument. Do not say anything you do not really mean. Avoid having secrets from your partner. Be tactful.

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Kuwait, Egypt to ratify trade accord

CAIRO, Aug 25. (KUNA): The upcoming Kuwait-Egyptian economic talks will witness ratification of an agreement for bilateral economic and technical co-operation that would act as the general framework of all protocols and agreements to be signed later on between the two countries, an authorised economist said here yesterday.

The economist, speaking to the Egyptian Middle East news

agency, said the talks, which will be held by the economic delegations accompanying HH the Amir of Kuwait during his visit here due to start on Monday, will also include the signing of an agreement for prevention of tax publicity.

He added that other agreements, concerning holding periodical meetings between Kuwaiti and Egyptian business men, establishing joint ventures

in both countries and intensifying contacts between the Egyptian government and the Kuwaiti Fund for Arab Economic Development and among chambers of commerce and industry in the two countries, will be signed.

He said that the trade volume between Kuwait and Egypt is about £94 million.

Egypt exports to Kuwait fruits, vegetables, tobacco, medicine and books while it

imports from Kuwait electrical appliances and other household equipment that are brought in here by passengers.

He clarified that the discussions will also tackle the possibility of renewing the joint commercial protocol signed between the two countries in 1964 which still governs their trade transactions.

Ways of attracting more Kuwaiti investments in Egypt

particularly after the signing of the agreement for protection and encouragement of investments in both countries last May, are also to be discussed, the official said.

Kuwaiti investments here, estimated at £497.6 million are the biggest among other Arab countries' investments in Egypt while Kuwaiti investments in the Egyptian free zones in Cairo, Alexandria, Suez and Port Saeed are about £177.2 million.

Energy File

Head of Swiss oil firm loses appeal

BERNE, Aug 25. (Reuter): The head of a Swiss oil company wanted by West German authorities in connection with losses at trading group Kloeckner has lost his appeal against extradition, the Justice Ministry said today.

Lebanese-born Khalil Ghattas, president of Gatoil (Suisse) SA, will be sent to West Germany in the next few days, ministry spokesman Joerg Kistler said.

Ghattas, who is wanted in West Germany on charges of conducting improper business practices in the prejudice of Kloeckner and Co AG, has been held at a Geneva prison since being arrested on March 21 at the request of German authorities.

He appealed to the Swiss Supreme Court, which rejected his appeal today.

Kistler said Ghattas could still appeal to the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg, but his case would not be heard up and he would have to make representations from West Germany.

Kloeckner has reported it lost \$61 million marks (\$37 million) in oil trading last year.

Deutsche Bank AG, West Germany's biggest bank, bailed out Kloeckner with an injection of 400 million marks (\$205 million) and is now sole owner.

Oil surges

■ NEW YORK, Aug 25. (OPECNA): The United Arab Emirates Dubai Light, the main Middle East crude, rose 24 cents to \$15.37 a barrel in Middle East trading yesterday, spurred by large purchases from Indian buyers.

Quoted by news agency reports, John Shepherd, a foreign crude specialist with the Houston-based Transworld Oil Incorporated, said there was "quite a bit of interest in October (delivery) Dubai."

Oil imports plunge

■ TOKYO, Aug 25. (UPI): Japan's crude oil imports in July plunged 28.4 percent from a year ago to 98.06 million barrels (15.74 million kl), the Ministry of International Trade and Industry said in a preliminary report yesterday.

"We see the fall largely as a reaction to unusually heavy imports in July last year," said a ministry official, adding: "in view of the recent trend, the level of July imports is not low at all."

Special dividend

■ NEW YORK, Aug 25. (KUNA): Texaco Inc., America's third-largest oil company, declared yesterday a special \$1 billion dividend to its shareholders as a result of the massive sell-off of companies to meet court-ordered payments in its fight with Pennzoil Co.

Texaco raised \$7 billion by the sale in 1988 and earlier this year of subsidiaries in West Germany and Canada and selling Saudi Arabia its 50 percent interest in a joint venture of three refineries in Saudi Arabia and marketing operations on the East Coast of the United States.

Oil exports

■ CARACAS, Aug 25. (OPECNA): Venezuelan oil exports will earn \$8.4 billion this year, rising to about 13 billion by 1995, according to a study by the country's office of economic planning, Cordenplan.

In a report published here yesterday, the office observes that oil prices had stabilised last year and the trend for the future would be a rise from the \$15 per barrel mark already achieved by Venezuelan crudes this year, to \$18 by 1995.

EXCHANGES RATE

Indian rupee	18,080
Sri Lankan rupee	8,300
Pakistani rupee	14,320
Bangladesh taka	9,200
US dollar	29,950
Pound sterling	46,900
Deutsche mark	15,260
UAE dirham	0.8160
Japanese yen	0.02093

OPEC committee to review long-term strategy

Oil market stability vital, says Subroto



Subroto

"This has made stability in the world oil market their most important preoccupation," he pronounced.

He said their "philosophy and strategy are geared towards such stability capable of securing ample supplies to the consumers at the right time and at the right price and at the same time reassuring themselves of steady revenue."

In an exclusive interview with OPECNA today, Dr Subroto gave an assurance to skeptical analysts that the possibility of a global oil crisis similar to that of 1973 and 1979 is nowhere in sight.

He said the previous crisis situations were the result of certain "exogenous factors," which

included the oil embargo and the Gulf conflict. "We cannot, of course, forecast what will happen in the near future, but barring any major political flare-up powerful enough to have an impact on the global oil supply, I do not foresee any crisis situation ... because the conditions are now different."

Commenting on the American Petroleum Institute (API) report on oil imports providing more than half US domestic demand for the month of July, for the first time in 12 years, the secretary-general attributed this to the relatively low oil prices prevailing in the world market, adding that another factor was the fall in US domestic production.

He said the build-up of strategic reserves at huge costs to

combat possible scarcity, was "unnecessary and economically unwise" as prospects for a steady supply are certain.

What is necessary for producers and consumers alike, is to co-operate to prevent roller-coaster behaviour of prices as in the past through opening up to one another, exchange of ideas and other forms of co-operation that are mutually benefiting," he said.

Crude oil supply by 12 of the 13 OPEC member countries in July totalled 18.701 million BPD, the organisation's secretariat announced here today.

It disclosed that the combined supply quota for the 12 member states stood at 18.459 million BPD, "making a net over-supply above quota of 242,000 BPD" for the month.

The announcement stressed that this figure "represents 120,000 BPD below the over-supply figure of 362,000 BPD recorded in June."

Figures from the United Arab Emirates, which has an OPEC quota of 1.041 million BPD, were not available at the time of compilation.

London stocks close at 2-year high

Dollar becalmed

mind up about where to go," one dealer said.

The "Footsie" is now at its highest since July 20, 1987, and is advancing steadily towards the all-time record closing high of 2,443.4 set on July 16, 1987, three months before the Black Monday crash of world stock markets in October that year.

The prospect of a long-weekend in Britain — Monday — is a public holiday — kept activity in London's financial markets to a minimum also dulled business in other European centres, dealers said.

"It's desperately quiet," said one London currency dealer.

But the Financial Times Stock Exchange index of 100 leading blue chips edged up 4.3 points to close at 2,397.4.

Once again it breached the psychological 2,400 barrier during the day but gave up its gains shortly before the close.

"This market can't make its

index, which has risen more than 23 per cent this year, ended at 1,231, up 1.15 per cent on the day.

In Frankfurt, the 30-Share DAX index closed 12.34 points or 0.8 per cent higher at 1,604.38, just 15 points below the 1989 high of 1,619.26.

"The market's mood is basically very good and we could still go higher this summer," one Frankfurt share trader said.

Earlier, in Asian trading, Tokyo's Nikkei Average lost 46.62 points to close at 34,739.93 in slack business.

The dollar closed in London at 1,957.0 West German marks and 143.53 Japanese yen after ending Thursday at 1,957.4 and 143.40.

Gold bullion eased to close in London at \$360.25 an ounce after a previous finish of \$362.50

Wall Street hits new peak

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug 25. (Reuter): With Wall Street stocks at a record high again, many small investors apparently have blocked out the memory of the Black Monday plunge two months after the previous euphoric peak in August 1987 and are returning to the market, analysts and brokerage executives say.

Small investors got an injection of encouragement from Thursday's performance by the Dow Jones index of 30 leading shares, which closed at an all-time high of 2,745.64, up 56.33 points on the day and surpassing the record of

US enters commercial satellite field

Launch for UK firm

payloads, that US rocket companies began to compete in earnest for private business.

Mark Oderman managing director of CSP Associates, a management consultant firm, said Sunday's launch would be "the first visible sign of US competition for people who do not follow the industry closely."

"There is no doubt now that we are back in the game," he said.

The 2,718-pound (1,230 kg) communications satellite, designated as Marco Polo I, was built by Hughes Aircraft Co under a \$300-million contract with British Satellite Broadcasting Ltd.

Hughes' Space and Communications Group will pay McDonnell Douglas \$50 million to launch the satellite atop a 112-foot (34-metre) Delta.

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Gas projects to earn \$24b

New policy to attract investors



Rilwanu Lukman

hydrocarbon marketed as a very light type of crude oil, can be produced over an above the OPEC quota.

"OSO will generate about \$12 billion over the life of the project," said Lukman.

He said final bids for the work has been submitted and were being analysed.

Nigeria's biggest energy plan, being prepared jointly with Shell, Agip and ELF, envisages exporting 4.6 million tonnes of natural gas each year in liquefied form to Europe and the US.

Lukman put capital costs at around \$2.4 billion for the project which he said would also generate about \$12 billion of revenue during its life.

The first cargo should be shipped in January 1995.

He said his ministry had virtually finished a new gas policy intended to attract private investors, domestic and foreign, to Nigeria's natural and petroleum gas industries.

State monopoly comes to an end

Spain awards private TV channels

MADRID, Aug 25. (Reuter): Spain's state monopoly on television ended today when the government awarded three lucrative private channels to groups including France's Canal Plus and Italian

Consejo, Sociedad de Television Canal Plus Espana and Spanish group, Antena 3 de Television.

Five groups had contested the three channels, which must start broadcasting within six months. Univision Canal Uno SA, backed by Australian-born press magnate Rupert Murdoch, and Spanish group, Television Canal C were rejected.

Conde said the cabinet's decision, taken only four days before the deadline set by a 1987 law allowing private television, was made after "a tough, serious

LONDON (Alpha Stocks)		LONDON (Beta Stocks)	
NAME	LAST	JAGUAR	412/0
ABBEY NAT	149.0	KINGFISHR	341.5
ADT LTD	199.8	LADBROKE	328.0
ALD LYONS	547.0	LAND SECS	588.5
AMSTRAD	71.0	LAPORTE	511.0
ARGYLL GP	246.0	MAGNET	520.0
ASDA GP	197.0	MAGNET AS	373.0
BAA	366.0	MARKS+SP	417/0
BTR	474.0	MAXWELL C	303/0
BAT INDS	853.0	MB GROUP	696/0
BARCLAYS	557/0	MECCA LEI	221/0
BASS	084/0	NAT WEST	169/0
BEAZER	169/0	NEXT	357.0
BERISFORD	163/0	NTH FOODS	133.5
BET ORD	317/0	P & O DFD	217/0
BICC PLC	551.0	PEARL	677.5
BLUE ARRW	112.0	PEARSON	517.0
BLUE CIRC	250/0	PILKINGTON	792/0
BOC GP	533.0	PLESSEY	63.73
BOOTS CO	302.0	RACAL ELC	265.0
BPB INDS	247/0	RACAL TEL	216/0
BR COMM	169.0	RANK HVIS	348.0
BR AIRWAY	203/0	RANK ORG	467/0
BR AEROSP	687/0	RCKITT+CO	945/0
BR GAS RG	207.0	REDLAND	271/0
BR LAND	384/0	REED	542.0
B.P.	305.5	RMC GRP	465/0
BR STEEL	77.92	REUTERS	729/0
BR TELCOM	260/0	RTZ CORP.	954.5
BUNZL	150/0	ROLLS ROY	560.0
BURMAH OL	654/0	ROTHMAN B	184/4
SURTON	260.0	ROYAL INS	680.0
CABLE&WIR	588.0	SAATCHI	457/0
CADBURYS	420/0	SAINSBURY	309/0
CALOR GRP	431.0	SEARS	291.0
CRLTN COM	898.0	SEDGEWICK	129/4
CRLTN R.T	887.0	SHELL	255.0
COOKSONS	377/0	SIEBE	432/0
COURTAULD	389/0	SLOUGH ES	542.0
DALGETY	413.0	SMITH IND	382.0
DIXONS	71.00	SMITH+NEPH	307.0
ENG CHINA	463/0	STD.CHART	140/0
ENTER OIL	580/4	STC	289/0
FKI PLC	127/0	STOREHSE	565.0
FERRANTI	73/0	SUN ALLIA	322/0
FISONS	348.0	SUN LIFE	139/0
GATEWAY	235.0	TARMAC	333.0
GEN ACCID	038/0	TATE&LYLE	289/0
GEN ELEC	66.23	TYLR WOOD	277.0
GLAXO	568.0	TJ GROUP	292/0
GRANADA	359.0	TRAF HSE	478.0
GLOBE	198.0	TSB	394.0
GLYNWED	316.0	T + N	117.0
GKNL	466/0	TRUSTHSE	257/0
GUINNESS	585.0	ULTRAMAR	349/0
HIMMERSN A	791.0	UNILEVER	339/0
HANSON	229.0	UTD NJSPR	669/0
HANSON WT	54/4	WELLCOME	495.0
HARRISN C	176/0	WHTBRD IN	715/0
HUKER SID	745/0	WILLIAMS	388/0
HILLSDOWN	314/0	WILLIS FB	268.0
INCHCAPE	291.0	WINPEY GE	220.0

World Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV	DAYS/2	PREV-QR	PREV-YR
FT 30 ORD	1981.0	1977.9	1977.9	1707.9	1455.3
FT 500 SHR	24.01	24.01	24.01	1182.7	1008.8
FT ALL SHR	1205.78	1205.78	1205.78	1076.15	926.59
FT GOV SEC	87.14	87.22	87.22	87.30	87.03
FT GOLD MN	197.00	201.70	201.70	190.2	161.9
FT MINES F	699.30	699.30	699.30	653.25	565.31
FT OIL	2161.1	2161.1	2161.1	1978.9	1725.4
FT WLD DLR	152.44	151.72	151.91	141.17	139.21
FT WLD STG	143.96	143.23	142.14	123.81	115.30

London Stock Market Report

UK STOCKS CAUTIOUSLY STEADY, JUST BELOW FTSE 2,400

LONDON, AUG 25, REUTER - SHARE PRICES WERE HOLDING JUST BELOW THE PSYCHOLOGICAL 2,400 BARRIER ON THE FTSE INDEX IN LATE TRADING, AFTER WALL STREET LOST MUCH OF AN EARLY DOUBLE FIGURE GAIN IN A SEQUEL TO ITS ALL-TIME CLOSING HIGH SCORED YESTERDAY.

ONE DEALER SAID "THIS MARKET CAN'T MAKE ITS MIND UP ABOUT WHERE TO GO. IT'S NOT OVER-VALUED ON A HISTORIC EARNINGS BASIS BUT EQUALLY IT'S IGNORING AN EXPECTED PROFITS DOWNTURN. (INSTITUTIONAL) LIQUIDITY IS THE SPANNER IN THE WORKS."

BY 1458 GMT THE FTSE INDEX WAS 5.4 POINTS UP AT 2,398.5 AFTER A HIGH OF 2,404.5, ON TURNOVER OF 346.3 MLN SHARES.

* FOR FAST UPDATES OF LONDON STOCK REPORT SEE PAGE - STOK *

DEALERS SAID THE PROXIMITY OF THE LONG U.K. BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND WAS ALSO DISCOURAGING ANY REAL BUYING INTEREST, AS MANY OPERATORS FEARED A POSSIBLE WALL STREET CORRECTION WHILST THE LONDON MARKET IS CLOSED.

THE BUILDING MATERIALS SECTOR WAS DEPRESSED FOLLOWING FLAT HALF YEAR RESULTS YESTERDAY FROM MARLEY, WHICH WAS ACCCOMPANIED BY A PROFITS WARNING.

REDLAND, 18P OFF AT 543, WAS AMONG THE HEAVIEST LOSERS AFTER A TIMES NEWSPAPER REPORT TODAY WHICH QUOTED ONE ANALYST VALUING REDLAND AT 43OP PER SHARE. BUT MANY ANALYSTS CAUTIONED AGAINST A SIGHT POSITION BECAUSE OF THE MARKET'S WEAKNESS.

Janden Gold

LONDON, AUG 25, REUTER - GOLD BULLION PRICES HELD AROUND THE KEY 360 DLRS AN OUNCE LEVEL BY THE CLOSE AS SUPPORT APPEARED FOR THE METAL AHEAD OF THE WEEKEND.

THE LONDON CLOSE WAS 360/360.50 DLRS AN OUNCE, DOWN 2.75 DLRS AN OUNCE FROM THURSDAY AND THE LOWEST SINCE JUNE 13.

DEALERS SAID GOLD WAS PERCHED PRECARIOUSLY NEAR NEW THREE-YEAR LOWS AND IS PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE TO A FURTHER RISE IN THE DOLLAR.

BUT THE METAL STABILISED THIS AFTERNOON IN THE ABSENCE OF A MAJOR ONSLAUGHT FROM NEW YORK TRADING AND AS EUROPEAN DEALERS

London Money Market

LONDON, AUG 25, REUTER - STERLING INTERBANK RATES CLOSED VIRTUALLY UNCHANGED AFTER A LIFELESS AND FEATURELESS DAY AHEAD OF THE LONG WEEKEND BREAK, DEALERS SAID.

WHAT TRADING THERE WAS GROUNDED TO AN EARLY HALT AS MANY MARKET PARTICIPANTS LEFT SOON AFTER MIDDAY TO AVOID THE EXPECTED HOLIDAY TRAFFIC.

A POOR SET OF U.K. TRADE FIGURES, INCLUDING A 2.06 BILLION STG JULY CURRENT ACCOUNT GAP, ON WEDNESDAY WAS ALL BUT FORGOTTEN AND MARKET FINISHED WITHOUT ANY CLEAR TREND.

THE BENCHMARK THREE MONTH INTERBANK RATE CLOSED UNCHANGED.

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Foreign Exchange					
	DLR	STG	DMK	FFR	
DLR -----	1.5690/95		1.9588/93	6.6040/70	OPN
STG 1.5672/82	-----		3.0730/65	10.3610/755	NOON
DMK 1.9570/9650	3.068/082		-----	29.585/745	FIX
FFR 6.605/617	10.355/373		336.75/7.39	-----	FIX
SF R 1.6900/6910	2.6482/6515		86.18/28	25.56/59	NOON
NFL 2.2150	3.4675		112.725	33.44	FIX
ECU 1.05925	0.674898		2.07719	7.00218	CLSE
SDR 1.24747	0.797004		2.44841	8025638	CLSE
YEN 143.45/75	225.17/48		-----	-----	NOON

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NEW YORK			
NAME	OPEN	MRD	DA
A BSCH COM	43/2	43/	
ATLANTIC R	107/3	107/	
AAR CORP	34/5	34/	
ABBOTT LAB	63/3	63/	
ACME CLVLD	11/5	11/	
ADV MICRO	8/4	8/	
AEROF'L LAB	4/1	4/	
AETNA LIFE	58/6	58/	
AHMANSOHN	22/2	22/	
AIR PR-CHM	47/6	48/	
ALASKA AIR	28/1	28/	
ALBERTSONS	52/2	51/	
ALBMA 8-16	0	90/	
ALCAN ALUM	24/2	24/	
ALCO STAND	34/6	35/	
AM CAP SEC	22/1	22/	
AM CYNAMID	58/0	58/	
AM FAMILY	17/7	17/	
AM HOM PRO	102/2	102/	
AM STORES	69/5	69/	
AM TEL-TEL	40/1	40/	
AMAX INC	29/0	29/	
AMOCO CORP	48/6	48/	
AMP INC	46/0	45/	
AMPCO PITTS	15/2	15/	
AMR CORP	78/0	77/	
AMR GEN CO	37/6	38/	
AMERADA HE	40/0	40/	
ANTHEM ELE	12/3	11/	
APACHE CP	14/2	14/	
APPAL 8-12	0	90/	
ARMSTRONG	46/7	46/	
ASHLAND OIL	37/3	37/	
ASIA PACIF	12/6	12/	
ATLS CORP	17/4	17/	
EVERY INT	27/5	27/	
AVNET INC	24/5	24/	
AVON PRODS	37/3	37/	
BELLSOUTH	51/3	51/	
BELO CP A	0	38/	
BEVERLY	8/5	8/	
BLA-DECKER	23/0	23/	
BNK BOSTON	29/5	29/	
BNK BSTN-A	0	38/	
BNK N-YORK	52/4	52/	
BNK TR-NY	53/4	53/	
BNKAMERICA	31/6	31/	
BNKAM SPEC	6/1	6/	
BOEING CO	55/2	55/	
BOISE CASC	47/0	46/	
BND IN GLD	8/3	8/	
BORDEN	73/0	73/	
BOWATER	29/6	29/	
BR TELECOM	41/2	41/	
BRIGGS-STR	28/0	28/	
BRIST-MYER	49/5	49/	
BRUNSWICK	17/1	17/	
C 3 INC	4/3	4/	
C HUD G-EL	22/7	22/	
CABOT CORP	39/3	39/	
CAESARS WO	39/2	39/	
CA FREIGHT	23/4	23/	

GEN ELECT	58/1	58/1	N STA PWR	37/1	37/3	SEAGRAM CO	31/1	31/1
GEN HOST	8/7	9/0	NAT INTERG	19/2	19/2	SEAGULL EN	20/2	20/1
GEN HOSWR	10/4	10/5	NBI CORP	2/0	2/0	SEARS ROE	45/5	45/1
GEN INSTR	32/0	31/7	NCR CORP	65/7	66/0	SERV CORP	18/4	18/1
GEN MILLS	69/2	69/2	NEW ENG EL	27/0	27/0	SA STH PAC	23/2	23/2
GEN MOTORS	47/1	46/5	NEW PLA RE	17/2	17/3	SHELL TRAN	41/1	41/0
GENCORP	17/5	17/4	NEVELL CO	44/6	44/6	SHER PLOU	77/7	78/4
GENETECH	18/7	18/7	NEWMONT MI	39/4	39/4	SHERW-WILL	33/7	33/7
GENUINE PA	40/2	40/1	NEWMT GLD	34/2	34/4	SMITH INT	13/1	13/1
GEO PW7-80	0	80/0	NI MOR6-10	0	62/3	SNAP ON TL	35/6	35/6
GEORG1-PAC	58/6	59/0	NI MOH7-72	0	78/0	SOMAT INC	42/4	41/1
GIBR FI CL	*15	*15	NICOLET IN	11/2	11/1	SOUTHERN	27/4	27/4
GOLDEN NUG	31/0	29/7	NICOR INC	40/7	40/7	SPAIN FUND	18/3	18/3
GOODRICH	62/5	62/4	NL IND	26/4	26/4	SPERRY	12/0	11/4
GOODYEAR	53/1	53/1	NOBLE AFF	15/0	15/0	SQUARE D	60/6	60/6
GRACE WR	35/6	35/4	NORD RESOU	12/4	12/4	SQUBB		
GRAINGER	63/4	63/3	NORTHROP	25/2	25/2	STONE CONT	30/3	30/3
GREYHOUND	36/3	36/2	NORTON	59/0	59/0	SUM CO	38/2	38/2
GRUMMAN	20/3	20/3	NOVO NORD	44/5	44/6	SUNDSTRAND	79/4	79/3
GULF RES-C	10/1	10/2	NUCOR CORP	66/7	67/0	SUNSH MIN	3/0	3/0
HALLIBURTN	39/6	39/6	OAK IND	1/2	1/3	SUPER VAL	30/0	30/0
HALLWOOD	5/2	5/2	OCC-PETRC	29/0	29/1	SOUTHWEST	25/7	25/0
HANDLEMAN	18/5	18/5	OCEAN DRIL	21/2	21/3	SY GAS	18/5	18/5
HANNA MIN	28/4	28/3	OGDEN CORP	32/7	32/7	SUN BELL	53/7	54/0
HARMON	17/4	17/5	OH ED CO	22/7	22/7	TCBY ENT	23/4	23/4
HARRIS CP	34/7	34/7	OLIN CORP	67/6	67/3	TDC	0	41/0
HECLA MIN	13/5	13/5	OMNICARE	9/1	9/1	TECO EMERG	26/4	26/4
HEINZ HJ	61/7	61/7	ORION PICT	21/2	21/2	TEKTRONIX	21/4	21/4
HEL CURTIS	31/0	31/1	PAIN WEB	22/6	22/6	TELEDYNE	375/0	375/1
HELM-PAYNE	30/3	30/1	PAN AM	3/7	3/7	TENNECO TN	60/7	60/4
HERCULES	49/1	49/3	PANHANDLE	28/3	28/3	TERADYNE	11/4	11/4
HEWL-PACK	51/5	52/1	PARK ELECT	13/4	13/5	TESORO PET	10/7	10/7
HEXCEL CP	29/4	29/5	PARKER DRI	7/4	7/4	TEXACO	54/0	54/0
HILLENBRND	39/6	39/6	PARKER HAN	31/0	31/6	TEXAS IND	34/6	34/6
HILTN HTLS	104/5	104/5	PATRCK PET	6/5	6/4	TEXAS INST	39/6	39/6
HITACHI	114/0	116/2	PC IND8-96	0	96/0	TEXAS UTIL	32/7	32/7
HMSKE MIN	13/5	13/6	PENN CENTR	27/2	27/1	THOMAS IND	20/0	19/1
HNDY-HARMN	16/7	16/7	PENNZOIL	82/1	82/6	TIDEWATER	9/0	9/1
HOLIDAY C	83/2	82/6	PEOPLES EN	23/0	22/7	TIME INCOR	141/0	140/0
HOME DEPOT	34/5	34/6	PEPSICO	60/7	61/0	TIMKEN	37/4	37/4
HOMEFED CP	43/6	43/4	PERKIN-ELM	28/0	28/0	TORCHMARY	45/2	45/1
HONDA MOTR	27/2	28/1	PFIZER	69/2	69/6	TOSCO	20/0	19/1
HONEYWELL	90/0	89/5	PHELPS DOD	71/1	70/7	TOYS R US	35/0	35/1
HOUGHTH MIN	41/4	41/3	PHILIP MOR	159/0	158/6	TRANSAMER	44/7	44/7
HOUSTON IN	33/6	33/6	PHILIPS PE	28/5	28/0	TRANSCO EN	49/0	48/0
HUGHES SUP	19/4	19/4	PINNACLE W	12/6	12/5	TRANSCO EX	13/0	13/0
HUMANA INC	38/3	38/2	PITN-BOMES	53/5	53/4	TRAVELLERS	41/6	42/1
IBM	116/0	115/7	PITTSON	21/0	20/6	TRINITY IN	43/4	43/4
ICN PHARMA	6/0	6/0	POLAROID	47/0	47/3	TV CORP	37/0	36/1
ILL PWR CO	16/6	16/6	PORTLD GE	24/5	24/5	TXJ COMP	18/2	18/2
ILLIN 4-08	0	21/2	PPG IND	42/6	62/6	UAL CORP	268/2	268/1
INDIA GROW	15/4	15/1	PRIME COMP	12/3	12/2	UTD BRAND	16/1	16/1
INGRSLL-RA	48/4	48/2	PRIME INNS	37/0	37/0	UTD TECH	55/2	56/1
JEFF PILOT	38/5	38/5	PRIMERICA	27/2	27/1	UNILEVER	73/7	73/1
JER PW 8-5	0	88/1	PROCTER & G	132/0	131/3	UNION CAMP	40/0	39/1
JOHNSN CON	38/6	38/7	PUGET SP-L	21/5	21/6	UNION CARB	29/1	29/0
JOHNSN-JNS	50/6	50/5	PULTE HONE	17/7	17/7	US SHOE	20/6	20/6
K M ART CP	44/0	43/6	QUAKER OAT	66/3	64/3	USX CP	34/4	34/1
KAH CI P-L	33/4	33/4	QUAKER COR	16/1	16/0	US WEST	71/6	72/0
KELLCOOD	34/0	34/0	QUANTUM CH	47/0	46/7	US AIR CP	50/6	50/7
KERR MC GEE	48/5	48/3	RALS PURIN	94/0	94/1	VALERO EN	15/1	15/1
KEYSTONE	18/5	18/4	RAMADA INN	14/2	14/2	VALLEY IND	17/2	17/2
KIMB-CLARK	68/6	68/7	RANGER OIL	5/5	5/6	VARCO INTL	5/1	5/1
KIN R D A1	25/1	25/2	RAYCHEM	57/6	38/0	VARIAN ASS	27/5	27/4
KN RID NWS	57/0	57/2	RAYMARK	2/1	2/1	W PNT PEPP	56/0	56/0
KROGER CP	18/4	18/3	RAYTHEON	80/4	80/4	WAINGOC OLL	7/7	8/0
LEA RONAL	17/6	17/7	REYNOLD ME	60/0	59/6	VAL-MART	42/4	42/3

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WALL STREET STATISTICS * COMPOSITE *			
NYSE HIGHEST VOLUME		AMEX HIGHEST VOLUME	
BANKAMER.	32 1/2	+	7/8
PHILLIPS P	29 3/8	+	1 1/4
VARIETY CP	2 3/4		UNCH
MAYTAG	25 3/8	-	1 1/8
GAVIN BUS	13/32		UNCH
GEN MOTORS	47 3/8	+	5/8
UNION CARB	29 1/8	+	1/8
POTOMAC EL	21 3/8	-	1/4
GEN ELEC	58 5/8	+	1/2
K MART	43 1/8	-	3/4
 NYSE LARGEST PER CENT CHANGE			
SALVST-HOU	2 7/8	+	3/8
TIFFANY	60	+	6
TYLAN LABS	11 1/2	+	1
TOTAL SYS	7 3/4	-	17
PATHE COMM	2 7/8	-	1/4
NYSE VOLUME	91,032,010		
STOCKS UP	655		
STOCKS DOWN	666		
 AMEX LARGEST PER CENT CHANGE			
TEXAS AIR	21 3/8	+	1 3/8
DIASONICS	3 15/16	-	3/16
WANG LAB B	6 3/8		UNCH
HERITAGE	4 1/8	+	1/4
LIONEL CP	8		+
AMDAHL CP	14 3/4		UNCH
INTL TELEC	3 3/8		1/2
ENERGY SVC	4		UNCH
IBM SCORE	13 7/8	+	1/8
BAT INDUS	13 5/8	-	1/16

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NEW YORK, Aug 25, (Reuters): US stocks prices were slightly firmer in late morning trading, with blue chips hovering in a tight range.

The Dow was up one to 2736. Gainers led losers narrowly. "After Thursday's record high, there are those who have not taken part in this

"Wednesday's record high, there are those who have not taken part in this market and who feel compelled to jump in," said Jeffrey Kaminsky, director of institutional sales trading at Mabon Nugent and Co. "It's a bit like standing on the dock and watching the ship pull away."

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Pakistan seeks US investment

WASHINGTON, Aug 25: Pakistan is keen to develop its economy through the private sector in collaboration with US business partners, according to the Pakistani Industries Minister Syed Ali Nawaz Shah who is visiting the United States with a delegation of Pakistani businessmen.

In a seminar at the US Chamber of Commerce on Aug 21, Shah highlighted the opportunities available for US companies to invest in Pakistan. He said the new democratic government of Pakistan under Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto has "simplified and streamlined investment procedures to facilitate foreign investment."

The seminar on investment opportunities in Pakistan was sponsored by the US Chamber of Commerce (USCC) and the Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC) to coincide with the visit of the Pakistani Industries Minister who presented Pakistan's new "open-door" policy toward foreign investment in Pakistan.

Addressing an audience of about 70 US businessmen, consultants and govern-

ment officials, the Pakistani minister invited the US business community to send an "investors delegation" to Pakistan to look at the possibilities for industrial collaboration and identify and make contacts with potential joint venture partners in Pakistan.

Shah emphasized the added incentive of the favourable geographical location of Pakistan which he said enjoys good markets in the Middle East. According to him, Pakistani industry not only caters to 107 million Pakistanis but also has chances of getting a "substantial portion of the 100 million Middle East market." He also pointed out the "economic opening" of China and "possible reconstruction activities in Afghanistan, Iran and Iraq." Shah stressed that Pakistan's ideal location and "historic association" with those countries could open up markets there through transfer of technology and US collaboration.

"The climate today in Pakistan is most favourable for foreign investment in the shape of financial involvement, technology transfer, joint ventures, buyback arrangements, training of managers and

personnel," he said.

Earlier, in his opening remarks, USCC's International Division Vice-President William T. Archey recalled the chamber's long association with Pakistan and drew attention to an April 1989 survey of US investment in Pakistan prepared by the American Business Council of Pakistan (ABC), which represents 53 US companies operating in Pakistan.

According to the ABC survey, the American companies doing business in Pakistan contribute significantly to the economy of Pakistan, employing nearly 13,000 highly qualified people and contributing technical expertise, advanced management techniques and a high standard of business operation."

OPIC president Fred M. Zeder said it became involved in Pakistan in 1955 and has so far assisted over 50 US companies doing business there. In 1983, an OPIC delegation with representatives from 26 US firms toured Pakistan to explore investment opportunities there.

OPIC currently has \$375 million in investment insurance covering 17 US

firms operating in Pakistan. In addition, it has extended nearly \$50 million in loans and loan guarantees to 12 US companies — some of which are also covered by OPIC insurance — with \$26.5 million in foreign exchange and \$14 million in Pakistani rupees, according to OPIC's John Moore, who was a moderator at the seminar.

Among the projects OPIC is involved in are: investment insurance for Cargill's orange processing plant in Sargodha from which concentrates are exported to the Middle East; investment insurance for General Electric's 450 megawatt power station in Guddu to be completed later this year; investment insurance and loan guarantees for two American companies involved in gas and oil exploration and development; investment insurance with Citibank, American Express, Chase Manhattan and Bank of America; investment insurance and rupee loans for American pharmaceutical companies such as Abbott Laboratories, Park Davis and Company, and Squibb Pakistan Ltd.; investment insurance and rupee loan for Gillette's subsidiary, Interpak

Shaving Products, Ltd., investment insurance and rupee loan for Brinks Pakistan Ltd., a security firm.

OPIC carries out this mandate primarily through insuring US investments abroad against three major types of political risks: (1) inconvertibility — protection against the inability to convert local currency into dollars; (2) expropriation — protection against confiscation or nationalization of an investment without fair compensation from the host government; (3) political violence — protection against losses due to war, revolution, insurrection and civil strife.

In addition, American investors planning to share significantly in the equity and management of an overseas venture can also utilize OPIC's finance programmes for medium-to-long-term financing through either direct loans or loan guarantees. OPIC also has special programmes to meet the specific needs of investors involved in contracting and exporting, energy exploration and development, and leasing arrangements.

Campbell Soup to restructure

5 overseas plants to be closed

CAMDEN, New Jersey, Aug 25, (AP): Campbell Soup Co., which began making soup here 120 years ago, will close its original plant, three US factories and five overseas for a loss of nearly 2,800 jobs.

Campbell said yesterday it would keep its headquarters in this poor southern New Jersey city on the Delaware River, but would move production at the 940-employee plant to canneries in Napoleon, Ohio; Paris, Texas; and Maxtox, North Carolina. The headquarters employs about 1,700 people.

The company said that as part of a worldwide restructuring, it also plans to close a 272-employee plant in Pocomoke City, Maryland; a plant employing 246 people in Cristfield, Maryland; and an 84-employee plant in Smyrna, Tennessee.

The five overseas plants to be closed employ 1,200 people, but were not identified. Campbell said it would close the Camden plant by next July, but did not have a timetable for any of the other closings.

Many employees will be offered transfers, while others will be offered severance pay or help finding other jobs, the company said.

The restructuring was approved at a board of directors meeting earlier Thursday, said spokeswoman Marsha Cade.

"We feel that this will make Campbell more efficient," said Ms Cade. She said the US plants being closed were older, and "just aren't as efficient as they should be."

"It would cost over \$1 billion to bring the Camden plant alone up to date," she said.

Plants in Chicago, Memphis, Michigan, Doylestown and Pottstown, Pennsylvania; already have closed, and Campbell has sold its fresh-produce subsidiary and ingredient plants in centre and Nacogdoches, Texas; Clayton, Delaware; and Cairo, Georgia.

The company has about 100 plants around the world, 60 of them in the United States.

Campbell sells about 5 billion cans of soup a year, garnering about 65 percent of the \$2.2-billion retail soup market, a drop of about 5 percent in the past five years.

Although Campbell is closing the plant where it got its start in 1869, it plans to start building a new \$35-million headquarters on the waterfront across the Delaware river from Philadelphia.

"Campbell is very committed to Camden," Ms Cade said.

Ms Cade said the restructuring resulted from a three-year study of Campbell's plants and operations.

Marvin B. Roffman, an analyst with the brokerage firm Janney Montgomery Scott Inc. in Philadelphia, said the announcement constituted a statement by Campbell management that "we're going to be lean and mean."

"Any food company who wants to be independent in the '90s had better be a very low-cost producer with a global presence," Roffman said.



President Mubarak

Foreign domination ruled out

ALEXANDRIA, Egypt, Aug 25, (Reuter): President Hosni Mubarak appears to have ruled out any major sell-off of the public sector and said Egypt would not allow key projects to fall into foreign hands.

In a speech yesterday to students at the University of Alexandria, Mubarak said projects that were strategic must stay publicly-owned. Profitable businesses should also be kept and loss-making ones would be hard to sell.

"Strategic projects cannot be given to the private sector because it cannot afford to buy them and we cannot accept foreign domination again in Egypt," a spokesman for Mubarak quoted him as saying.

Egypt has said it wants to boost private sector enterprise in its struggling economy but seems unwilling to make real cuts in its big public sector.

"There is a problem in selling loss-making companies.

Nobody will buy them and if we do sell it will be with great losses," Mubarak was reported as saying.

Bass signs pact

Bid to buy Holiday Inn chain

LONDON, Aug 25, (Reuter): British drinks and leisure group Bass PLC said it was buying the Holiday Inn chain in North America for \$1.98 billion in a deal that will make it the world's biggest hotel operator.

Bass, Britain's biggest brewer, said it had signed a conditional agreement to buy the Holiday Inns in the United States, Canada and Mexico after acquiring the US chain's overseas businesses last year.

"The proposed acquisition makes Bass the owner of the largest hotel chain in the world and represents a substantial move forward in the Bass strategy of becoming international in each of its core businesses," Bass chairman Ian Prosser said in a statement.

Holiday Inns accounts for 10 per cent of total rooms in the United States, the world's largest hotel market.

The move by Bass is the latest in a series of major US takeovers by British firms, led by the 1988 acquisition of food group Pillsbury Co by Bass rivals Grand Metropolitan PLC for \$5.7 billion.

There were 63 British acquisitions of US companies worth a total of \$9.5 billion in the first half of 1989.

The businesses being acquired by Bass include the Holiday Inn trademarks, the franchise system for 1,268 hotels with 234,000 rooms, and a hotel management business of 121 hotels.

Bass, whose interests in Britain include its brewing business, is funding the acquisition through a mixture of new shares and debt.

Payment will be made in the form of \$125 million in new Bass ordinary shares and refinancing of certain debt in Holiday Corp., Holiday Inns' parent company, amounting to \$1.9 billion.

In May 1988, Bass acquired the Holiday Inn businesses outside North America and 13 hotels in the United States for \$475 million. Holiday Inns International was formed as a Bass subsidiary to manage the assets.

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Climate is most favourable, says minister

Oslo, Aug 25, (Reuter): The Soviet Union may have made a major gas find in the strategically vital Barents Sea, scene of costly but fruitless Arctic oil exploration in the last few years, a top Soviet Oil Ministry official said yesterday.

Ostap Sheremeta, head of Soviet offshore oil operations, made the announcement at an oil offshore in the port of Harstad, northern Norway.

But he refused to confirm earlier reports that the field in the Soviet sector of the

Arctic waters could be the world's biggest offshore field.

Finn Aamodt, a senior official at Norway's state-funded oil directorate who was at the conference, relayed the announcement to Reuters by telephone.

Sheremeta said the find could be much bigger than another one they made further south, of some 300 million cubic metres," he said.

"Both the Soviet Union and NATO

member Norway have been exploring the Barents since the early 1980s. Geologists say the Barents may contain some of the world's last great untapped petroleum reserves.

The sea is divided between the Norwegian and Soviet continental shelves, to the north of both countries' land masses. But the two have been in a dispute for almost 20 years over where to draw the boundary between their respective exploration areas.

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 6.10 Care Bears: Cartoon serial
 6.30 Sea Hunt: 'Ultrasonic Tug'. Briyan, a man with odd behaviour, seeks the help of Dr Mike to find out his brother's sunken boat. But Mike's daughter finds out Briyan's real skill.
 7.00 Architecture At The Cross Roads: Architecture 'Que Vadis'. A look at new and modern architecture schools.
 8.00 News in English
 8.30 Flying Doctors: 'The Hitch-Hiker'. Vanissa on her way to Darwin in northern Australia faces many difficulties as she plans to reach there hitch-hiking.
 9.30 The Secret World: 'The Deadly Sea'. Sea beds as a source of horror and fear.
 10.00 Kate and Allie: Allie gets acquainted with a young man. But she needs a shock to regain her reason.
 10.30 Bestseller: 'The Four Minutes Mile' (Part 1). Breaking a mile in four minutes had been the holy grail of athletes. On May 1954 four athletes of three continents were all attacking the elusive barrier.
 12.00 News in Brief
 12.15 Magazine D'Actualite and Closedown

MONDAY

6.00 Opening and Holy Quran
 6.10 Bionic Six: Cartoon serial
 6.30 The Scheme of Things:

SUNDAY
 9.00 Opening and Holy Quran
 9.30 Cartoons
 12.15 That's Incredible
 4.00 Arabic film: Al Wazir Jai (Minister is Coming). Starring: Sayed Zayan, Salah Oabil

6.00 Children's programme:
 7.45 Agricultural magazine
 8.15 Diwaniyat: Shura Al Nabat
 10.30 Variety programme

MONDAY
 9.00 Opening and Holy Quran
 9.30 Ifah Ya Simsam
 12.15 Summer Clubs

4.30 Historical serial: Merath A. Saneem
 5.30 Children and Summer
 7.45 Holy Quran and Science
 9.45 Local programme: Monday Evening

11.00 Cultural programme: Ettimalat

TUESDAY
 9.00 Opening and Holy Quran
 9.30 Cartoons

KTV 1 weekly highlights

Technology invades all aspects of sports and entertainment activities. How birds sing. The language of bees.
 7.00 Roving Report: A weekly round-up of local, Arab and international news, events and activities.
 7.30 Charles in Charge: 'Weekend Worry'. The family holds an auction for selling certain articles when Charles' friend interferes in an unusual manner.
 8.00 News in English
 8.30 Paradise: 'A Matter Of Honour'. Gamin's gang attacks the farmers, looting their farms and killing their cattle. Uncle Ethan tries to stop the gang.
 9.30 227: 'A Class Act'. Unimpressed with Brenda's wisecracking history teacher, Mary has words with the school principal.
 10.00 Tales Of The Unexpected: 'Run, Rabbit Run'. An American soldier attempts to write a book about a French woman who killed her husband by mockery and scornful laughter when she suspects him as a double agent.
 10.30 Jack and Ice. Mike has to co-operate with the police against a gang boss who attempts to become Mike's partner in the restaurant.
 11.30 News in Brief
 11.45 Magazine D'Actualite and Closedown

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 9.00 Opening and Holy Quran
 9.30 Cartoons

12.15 Variety programme: With the Stars
 4.00 Arabic play: La Wagl Ledaia. Starring: Khaled Zaki
 8.00 Seminar of the week
 10.30 Arabic film: Ahmar Shafayef. Starring: Najeeb Al Recham

WEDNESDAY

9.00 Opening and Holy Quran
 9.30 Ifah Ya Simsam
 12.15 Local programme: Hawar Wa Nagham
 4.00 Football match: recorded
 7.00 The World About Us
 8.30 Folklore
 10.30 Weekly serial: Mahakem Bela Sujoon (Trials without Jails)

THURSDAY
 9.00 Opening and Holy Quran
 9.30 Cartoons



A scene from the bestseller 'The Four Minutes Mile' on KTV2 at 10.30 pm on Sunday.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

9.00 Opening and Holy Quran
 9.15 Sabah Al Khair News and Variety
 9.30 Ifah Ya Simsam: Children's cultural programme
 10.00 Magazine D'Actualite
 10.15 Asr Al Hob: Daily Arabic serial
 11.00 Sabah Al Khair News and Variety
 11.15 Abla Mumeera: Local daily serial
 12.00 Sabah Al Khair News and Variety
 12.15 Min Ajil Ghadi: weekly Arabic serial, starring Ahsan Sadeq, Meashal Thanbit and Saad Rashdan

1.00 News summary
 1.05 The World Today via Satellite
 1.30 Sport Billy: Cartoon serial

2.00 Variety
 2.15 Al Hejra Illa Al Watan: Arabic serial
 3.15 Innabu Al Hag: religious programme
 3.35 Al Teneen Al Sagheer: Cartoon serial
 4.00 Abbott and Castello: Comedy film

6.30 Al Fanan Al Sagheer: Children's local programme

7.00 Shuara Al Saf Al Thani: cultural programme, starring Ashraf Abdul Al Ghafoor, Fayza Kamal

9.00 News in Arabic
 9.45 Ani We Inti Wa Baba Fi Al Mishmish: daily Arabic serial

10.30 Rad Letibar: Arabic late night feature, starring, Salih Tho Al Foqar, Sabreen

12.00 News summary
 12.05 The World Today via Satellite

12.30 Holy Quran and Closedown

KTV 2

6.00 Opening and Holy Quran

6.10 Poppies: Cartoon serial

6.30 Owl: A symbolic language is invented for helping those unable to speak...A visit paid to a science fair... A look at a flower called "Water Lily".

7.00 Wild World Of Animals: "The Wolverine": In appearance it is a curious cross between a bear, a badger and wolf... In practice it is the most feared killer of the northern forests... The wolverine preys on man—lootings trap lines and cabins!

7.30 Full House: "It's Not My Job": Stephanie makes a problem from her tooth-ache... All family members have their own problems as well...

8.00 News in English

8.30 Starman: "Barriers": Starman finds himself in Mexico and engaged to a pregnant lady when he and Scott get separated while on the run from George Fox...

9.30 The Nuclear Age "Carter's New World": Salt 2 talks and agreement signed between Carter and the Russian President Brezhnev.

10.30 Movie "A Boys Town Story": Starring: Jack Bannon, Art Carney, Lisa Sloan. Andy is sentenced to stay in a modern juvenile reformatory school after stealing a car with his friend...

12.00 News in Brief

12.15 Magazine D'Actualite and Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus: Red Scorpion

Al Salmiya: Revenge of Nerds II

Al Hamra: Arabic film

Drive-In: Arabic film

Al-Mahdi Drive-In: Arabic film

Al Firdous: Toofan

Fahashed Open-Air: Ram Bharose

Al Fahashed: Isabella

Al Jabra: Topline

Grannas: Artham 2 on the Rocks

Al Sababkh: Arabic film

Al-Jleeb: Ponnumtayidunna Tharavu

PRAYERS

Fajr 3.59 am

Zuhri 11.50

Asr 3.24 pm

Maghreb 6.17

Isha 7.38

Cartoon serial
 6.30 Captain Power: 'Retribution' (Part 2). Dread keeps his forces under his control to attack Captain Power's forces.

7.00 Gone Fishing: 'New Zealand Rainbow Trout'. A look at the world's most popular recreational sport. Types of fish, where to find it, how to get there.

7.30 The New Adventures of Beans Baxter: 'Beans Goes To Camp'. A nuclear warhead is stolen by the gang of Soc. Beans has to find it.

8.00 News in English

8.30 A Different World: 'Gentlemen Of Hillman'. Ron and Dwine

participate in preparing a study about time. Dwine shows much interest while Ron remains indifferent.

9.00 Horizon: 'Perils Of The Deep'. Dangers of diving and difficulties. The relation between depth and need for more oxygen and breathing.

10.00 Hooperman: 'The Dating Game'. Hooperman is unable to find a girlfriend to share his life.

10.30 L.A. Law: 'Victor Victorious'. Owen has to face a lawyer regarding racial discrimination. Victor has a love affair with a TV woman-director.

11.30 News in Brief

11.45 Magazine D'Actualite and Closedown

WEDNESDAY

6.00 Opening and Holy Quran

6.10 Trollkins: Cartoon serial

6.30 Safari To Adventure: 'Alaskan Bear'. The most feared killer of northern forests of Alaska.

7.00 Danger Bay: 'High Flyer'. Nicole's interest in flying brings her close to disaster. Correlli has a sideline; he is part of a criminal ring that smuggles parrots.

7.30 Body Matters: 'Hair Today, Gone Tomorrow'. Care paid to hair. Distinguishing persons from their hair.

8.00 News in English

8.30 Beauty and the Beast

9.30 TV Bloopers and Practical Jokes. A variety of unexpected events and practical jokes.

10.30 Feature Film: 'Special Friendship'. The story took place during the civil war in America where Elizabeth sets her slave-women, Mary free and both co-operate with the Union Army.

12.00 News in Brief

12.15 Magazine D'Actualite and Closedown

THURSDAY

6.00 Opening and Holy Quran

6.10 The Real Ghostbusters: Cartoon serial

6.30 I Love Heart: An educational programme for children

7.00 Intruders: 'Toad In The Cane'. Toads are night animals in Australia which are mostly found in cane farms.

7.30 T and T: 'Private Eyes'. The mob chases a young boy to prevent his father from giving his testimony before a court.

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FRIDAY

6.00 Opening and Holy Quran

6.10 Silver Hawks: Cartoon serial

6.30 Inter-Bang: Gianni and Bruno receive help from a young Chinese woman while the killer is chasing them to get the Tower version.

7.00 Walt Disney: 'The Little Shepherd'. Dog of

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Flassik's contest

FINAL preparations are now under way for the ultimate singing contest in Kuwait held for the Filipino population in this Gulf state.

Flassik president Grace Fe N. Corvarubias announced that auditions are held at the Far East Restaurant on Fridays, August 18 and 25 and 11 am and 4pm and on Sundays August 13, 20 and 27 at 5pm. Participants are encouraged to bring their music tapes.

Last Friday's auditions yielded a bevy of song lovers who will vie for valuable prizes during the contest slated for Friday September 1, at 4pm, at the Meridian Hotel.

For more particulars, kindly contact the following Flassik officers: Charly Nepomuceno Tel: 5624509, Rose Formante: 4843610, Malon Tadena: 4881358, Esther Madamba: 5312700 ext 4221, Marilyn Inductivo: 3940600 ext 2230 & 4521 and other Flassik officers or the event vice-chairman Al Castro of Martin Marietta Data Systems.

D'Assissi Association

OCTOBER 6: Ninth annual Thanksgiving mass will be held at the Holy Family Cathedral at 8 am followed by a get-together after mass. All D'Assissi ex-students along with their families and friends are invited. For more details contact: 244379 or 2469811.

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Courier stuns Connors in Cup opener

JERICHO, N.Y., Aug. 25. (Reuters) - Jimmy Connors, a last-minute replacement for third-seeded Stefan Edberg of Sweden, was beaten yesterday by 38-year-old Jim Courier 4-6, 6-3 in the first round of the \$154,000 Challenge Cup tennis tournament.

Edberg, ranked third in the world, withdrew from the tournament because of a severe case of hives, according to tour-

nament director Wendy Parr, who added that Edberg was bed-ridden because of the rash.

A spokesman for Edberg said the Swede should be ready to play in the US Open, which starts on Monday. Wimbledon champion Boris Becker pulled out of this tournament on Wednesday with a sore open.

Connors, cutting a svelte figure, said he has been working out lightly the last couple of weeks but has spent most of the time

erratic against Courier, ranked 34th.

"This was my first tournament match since Wimbledon," said Connors, who currently ranks 15th. "I feel I hit the ball pretty well overall. If I can get three or four days of hard practice in, I'll be ready for the open."

Connors, cutting a svelte figure, said he has been working out lightly the last couple of weeks but has spent most of the time

since Wimbledon with his family.

"I took off 16 pounds (7.25 kg) with exercise and diet," Connors said.

In other first-round matches, eighth-seeded Yannick Noah of France was eliminated by Jonas Svensson of Sweden 7-6 (7-5) 7-6 (8-6), and American Robert Seguso overwhelmed West German Carsten Stebb, who replaced Becker, 6-2, 6-4 in just 56 minutes.

Lendl and Graf start US Open favourites

NEW YORK, Aug. 25. (Reuters) - Ivan Lendl and Steffi Graf, the men's and women's number one tennis players, start favourites to win the US Open beginning on Monday, but the tasks facing them are of markedly different scale.

Graf has already won Wimbledon and the Australian Open and has a match record of 62-2-27 on hardcourt — in 1989.

Despite her shock French Open defeat, she enters the last two-week event of the year hotly tipped to collect \$340,000 for her ninth Grand Slam singles title.

Mathematically, by contrast, no-one is a safe bet. Lendl can expect a serious challenge from at least four players — titleholder Mats Wilander and past and present Wimbledon champions John McEnroe, Stefan Edberg and Boris Becker.

But the US-based Czechoslovak, signalled his superb form ahead of his bid for a fourth US Open title when he crushed McEnroe in this month's Canadian Open final.

"I think Becker, Edberg and Wilander are the players to watch at the Open," Lendl said. "And you can't count McEnroe out... and then there's always me."

A run of poor form this year has dropped Wilander to world number five after a brief stint at the top in 1988 when he won three of the four Grand Slams.

"Last year everything went my way and this year nothing really is," the Swede said recently.

Compatriot Edberg also faces a crisis of confidence after losing his Wimbledon singles title to West Germany's Becker in this year's final.

The main threats to Graf's title hopes are Martina Navratilova, Arantxa Sanchez of Spain — who beat her in Paris — and Gabriela Sabatini of Argentina.

Graf, 20, handled the pressure admirably in achieving last year's historic Grand Slam, but said after her French Open defeat she was relieved — "now I can relax and play my game."

That spells bad news for Navratilova, the world number two and four-time winner of the US Open, and third-ranked Sabatini, who beat Graf earlier this year on clay.

The sentimental favourite, however, will be 34-year-old Chris Evert, a six-time champion here.

The fourth-ranked winner of 18 Grand Slam singles titles is to retire after this year's tournament and the boisterous New York fans will be firmly in her corner.

Villa hold Liverpool

LONDON, Aug. 25. (Reuters) — David Platt scored a surprise second half equaliser to earn Aston Villa a 1-1 draw with Liverpool on Wednesday after the English soccer championship favourites had threatened a scoring spree.

Liverpool had turned on a vintage display throughout the first half with England winger John Barnes seemingly capable of winning the game on his own.

He scored after 24 minutes when he turned debutant full-back Andy Conroy inside out and Villa braced themselves for an onslaught.

But the FA Cup-holders failed to convert their supremacy into goals as Ian Rush and defender Barry Venison squandered a succession of chances.

Villa goalkeeper Nigel Spink

also kept his side alive by denying Peter Beardsley and Barnes twice in quick succession before Platt applied the finishing touch to Paul Birch's corner to level the scores on the hour.

With three of Wednesday's four final Division games ending in a 1-1 draw, every side in the table has now lost their 100 per cent record.

Last season's surprise high-fliers Norwich allowed Nottingham Forest to ruin their record, Lee Chapman scoring a 67th minute equaliser to earn Forest a 1-1 draw after Dale Gordon had netted for the home side in the first half.

Danny Wallace scored twice and hit a post to hand newly-promoted Manchester their second successive defeat of the new season. Clive Allen, City's

close-season signing from French side Bordeaux, failed to shine as they crashed 2-1 at Maine Road.

Results

English Division One	
Aston Villa	1 Liverpool
Derby	1 Walsall
Manchester C.	1 Southampton
Norwich	1 North Forest
Division Two	
Leeds	2 Middlesbrough
Leicester	0 Blackburn
West Ham	2 Bradford
Scottish League Cup third round	
Aberdeen	4 Airdrie
Cardiff	1 Dundee
Falkirk	1 Hearts
Hamilton	2 Dundee U
Morton	1 Rangers
St Mirren	1 Motherwell
English Football League Cup first round.	
Brighton	0 Brentford
Bristol R.	1 Portsmouth
Exeter	3 Swindon
Fulham	0 Oxford
Peterborough	2 Aldershot
Scarborough	2 Scunthorpe
first leg	
Brighton	0 Brentford
Bristol R.	1 Portsmouth
Exeter	3 Swindon
Fulham	0 Oxford
Peterborough	2 Aldershot
Scarborough	2 Scunthorpe

Italians find soccer star's behaviour intolerable

Maradona undecided on return

Buenos Aires, Aug. 25. (Reuters) — Argentine soccer star Diego Maradona, who has failed to report back to his Italian club Napoli, has not yet decided when to return to Italy, his girlfriend said yesterday.

"Diego is on his way back to Buenos Aires (from a fishing trip). He has not yet decided when to travel to Italy," Claudio Villafane said in a brief telephone interview.

But an Aerolineas Argentinas source, who asked not to be identified, told Reuters there was a booking for a Maradona flight Saturday night to Rome. The Italian League soccer season opens on Sunday.

The Argentine World Cup captain has angered UEFA Cup winners Napoli by twice canceling bookings for flights from Buenos Aires to Rome in the past week.

Maradona, who was originally expected to return to Naples on August 3, instead went fishing and hunting with friends in the province of Corrientes, 800 km (500 miles) north of Buenos Aires.

According to his agent Guillermo Coppola, Maradona — the highest paid player in Italy — was "going through a period of reflection."

Napoli have said they are starting disciplinary action against Maradona. Such measures could cost the 28-year-old midfielder a heavy fine, the termination of his contract or even his place in the 1990 World Cup finals, according to club sources.

Maradona said in a statement this week he was convinced there was a plot to harm him in Italy and that he would remain in Argentina until club authorities could ensure his family's safety.

The club and Naples police have dismissed Maradona's claims that his house and his car in the city had been vandalized.

The Argentine Football Association president, Julio Grondona, said



A sullen Maradona leaves the field after being booed in one of the matches last season. (Reuter wirephoto)

With her husband Andy Mill, a former US Olympic skier, looking on supportively, Evert added: "I'm surprised I'm still around at 34," said Evert, who earlier this week announced her plans to retire from the game she dominated for so long.

"When I was 17, I used to look at Billie Jean King at 30 and think what's her problem? Why is she on the circuit so long? Doesn't she have anything better to do?"

With her husband Andy Mill, a former US Olympic skier, looking on supportively, Evert added: "I'm surprised I'm still around at 34," said Evert, who earlier this week announced her plans to retire from the game she dominated for so long.

Evert has said that the US open which begins on Monday would be her last major championship.

It has been a difficult year for the six-time US Open champion, who has reached just one tournament final — in Houston in April where she was beaten by 15-year-old Yugoslav Monica Seles.

"It's easy to be critical of my results this year. Mentally it's very hard to keep that intensity up every single point. Now when I relax, my opponents come back," she said.

Meanwhile, amid talk of under-

world plots, threats of disciplinary action against the wandering star, his club Napoli's opening match away to Ascoli on Sunday has been rated relatively few column inches.

Without Maradona, as was demonstrated in midweek, Napoli often struggle. Last season's UEFA Cup and Italian Cup winners scraped through 9-8 on penalties after extra time against Second Division Monza in the Italian Cup first round on Wednesday.

European champions AC Milan are likely to be without Dutch internationals Ruud Gullit and Frank Rijkaard, both injured, for their opening match against Cesena. They also had to resort to penalties in mid-week before edging past Second Division Parma.

Internazionale, who stormed to last season's championship losing only two games, are aware that their staying power will be seriously examined in the coming months.

In order to fit everything in before the World Cup begins, most sides will be forced to play two games a week throughout the season but rates have been strengthened by the arrival of West German striker Juergen Klinsmann. His fellow-countryman Lothar Matthaus misses the first game at home to newly-promoted Cremonese through suspension.

Postponed in May because of

George Bell and Nelson Liriano homered for Toronto.

Mike Flanagan, who missed two starts with an eye injury, yielded two runs and five hits in six innings. Loser Jack Morris, 3-11, was tagged for eight runs and 10 hits in six innings.

Angels 5, Royals 0

Bert Blyleven pitched a four-hitter for his 10th consecutive victory, stopping a California losing streak for the seventh time this season, and rookie John Orton got his first three Major-League RBIs as the Angels snapped the Royals' nine-game winning streak.

Sheets hits 2-run homer

NEW YORK, Aug. 25. (AP) — Larry Sheets hit a two-run homer and Tim Hulett had a two-run single, helping the Baltimore Orioles to a 9-2 victory over New York and a split of yesterday's twin-night double-header.

The Yankees won the opener of the five-game series 5-1 behind the six-hit pitching of Chuck Cary and Dave Righetti and Don Mattingly's two RBIs.

Sheets hit his seventh homer, and first since June 25, following Joe Orsulak's leadoff double in the second inning off Eric Plunk, who was making his first start of the season after 43 relief appearances. Winner Dave Schmidt held the Yankees to one run and three hits in five innings.

The split reduced the Orioles' lead over Toronto in the American League East to 1 and 1-2 games.

Blue Jays 11, Tigers 3

Mookie Wilson hit three singles, drove in two runs, stole two bases and scored twice while

White side back

LONDON, England, Aug. 25. (Reuters) — Norman Whiteside has been recalled by Northern Ireland after more than a year's absence through injury for the World Cup European Group Six qualifying tie against Hungary in Belfast on September 6.

Austria win

SALZBURG, Austria, Aug. 25. (Reuters) — Second half goals from Heinz Peitzenberger and Manfred Zirngast earned Austria closer to the World Cup finals with a 2-1 win over Iceland in a Group Three qualifier on Wednesday.

Public dispute

LONDON, Aug. 25. (Reuters) — Queen's Park Rangers mid-fielder Martin Allen moved to West Ham yesterday, five months after a public dispute with his club manager, Trevor Francis.

Weekend games

THE HAGUE, Aug. 25. (Reuters) — The Dutch town of Kerkerade, home of First Division soccer club Roda JC, has banned weekend home games against five clubs whose fans are considered particularly unruly.

Top sprinter

YORK, England, Aug. 25. (Reuters) — Cadeaux Generac firmly established himself as English champion sprinter of the year with victory in three-quarters of a length in the York Sprint Championship yesterday.

Boys soccer

TOKYO, Aug. 25. (UPI) — Teams from Japan, Britain, Australia and the Soviet Union won their opening round matches in the 1989 Milo Cup World Boys Soccer Championships in Tokyo.

Navratilova sails into Canadian quarterfinals

Sabatini blasts Austrian



Navratilova lunges as she hits a backhand shot to Kelesi. (Reuter wirephoto)



Rose looks down while answering reporters' questions. (Reuter wirephoto)

'I didn't bet on baseball'

Rose gets life ban

NEW YORK, Aug. 25. (Reuters) — Cincinnati Reds manager Pete Rose was banned from baseball for life yesterday but continued to deny that he had bet on baseball games.

Baseball commissioner A. Bartlett Giamatti told a news conference that Rose had accepted a settlement to their six-month dispute under which he accepted the lifetime ban without admitting or denying the gambling allegations.

He noted that baseball rules permitted Rose to apply for reinstatement after one year and that he would consider such an application with an open mind.

"There is no deal for reinstatement. One must wait a year before one must re-apply for reinstatement," he said.

Rose, who as a player became a legend by amassing a record 4,256 base hits in his career, indicated at a news conference in Cincinnati that he expected to be reinstated before long.

"I've been in baseball three decades, and to think that I'm going to be out of baseball for a very short period of time hurts," he said.

"My life is baseball. I hope to get back into baseball as soon as I possibly can," Rose continued.

"I've made some mistakes, and I think I'm being punished for those mistakes. However, the settlement is fair," he said.

Rose, 48, declined to specify bets but insisted: "Regardless of what the commissioner said today, I did not bet on baseball."

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Bored fan

NEW YORK. Aug 25. (Reuter): A bored fan decided to create some excitement of his own during Wednesday's game between the Boston Red Sox and the New York Yankees with a calculated jump out of the third deck. Steve Kriztin, 24, escaped injury as he landed on the netting strung from the screen behind home plate. After a nimble climb down the pole supporting the screen, he was arrested and charged with reckless endangerment, a misdemeanor.

Soviets eliminated

DUISBURG. West Germany. Aug 25. (Reuter): The Soviet Union's men's team have been eliminated from next month's athletics World Cup after shot putter Alexander Bagach failed a dope test at the European Cup earlier this month.

As a result, the Soviet Union forfeit the six points gained by Bagach in the European Cup and drop to third place behind winners Britain and East Germany in the overall standings.

Athletic meet

NEW DELHI, INDIA. Aug 25. (AP): The biennial Asian Track and Field Meet, one of the region's top athletic events, will be held in New Delhi Nov 14-19, organisers said Wednesday. The meet is being hosted by the Asian Athletics Federation of India.

Winning streak

ATLANTA. Aug 25. (Reuter): Four days after breaking her own world record in the 800 metres freestyle, American Janet Evans fought off jet lag to extend her winning streak to 24 yesterday in a dual swim meet against the Soviet Union.

Italy agrees

ROME. Aug 25. (Reuter): Police and soccer authorities in Italy agreed today that the country's main soccer stadiums should be converted to all-seater venues in response to mounting crowd violence.

Holding rapped

LONDON. Aug 25. (Reuter): Michael Holding, the former West Indies Test fast bowler, has received a "severe reprimand" from his English county Derbyshire after going on strike during a pitch controversy on Monday.

Rugby tour

CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA. Aug 25. (Reuter): An international XV play South Africa in Cape Town tomorrow in the first of what promise to be two bruising encounters between the sides to celebrate the South African Rugby Board (SARB) centenary.

Gullit injured

MILAN. Italy, Aug 25. (Reuter): Dutch soccer captain Ruud Gullit will miss the start of the Italian League season with European champions AC Milan on Sunday because of a knee injury that has plagued him since April.

West German Open

FRANKFURT, WEST GERMANY. Aug 25. (Reuter): Irish Ryder Cup hopeful Philip Walton was nine shots adrift of four players who shared the lead after the first round of the West German Open golf tournament yesterday.

Student Games

DUISBURG, WEST GERMANY. Aug 25. (Reuter): Hungarian Olympic champion Bebe Szabo and compatriot Diana Esery put a stop to Italy's early domination of the fencing events at the World Student Games yesterday. Both won titles in their groups.

More motivated

BRUSSELS. Aug 25. (Reuter): Olympic 100 metres champion Carl Lewis said yesterday he was more motivated now than when he was racing against disgraced Canadian Ben Johnson, because he was confident that his present rivals were clean of drugs.

Top athletes

TOKYO. Aug 25. (AP): Ten 1988 Olympic gold medalists, including six world record-holders, will compete in the '89 Tokyo International Track and Field Meet on Sept 16, the organisers said yesterday.

US triumph

DUISBURG, WEST GERMANY. Aug 25. (AP): Larry Johnson scored 26 points and collected 8 rebounds as the US basketball team beat Britain 108-67 at the World University Games yesterday and advanced to the quarterfinals.

Yacht race

ATHENS. Aug 25. (UPI): Greek champion George Ertos skippering 'Okylos V' won the 24-mile third stage of the three-quarter-ton World Cup Sailing Championships at Phaleron Bay yesterday.

Aouita misses mile mark

BRUSSELS. Aug 25. (Reuter): Said Aouita's bid for the world mile record collapsed in a strength-sapping final lap at a rain-swept Brussels grand prix athletics meeting today.

The usually free-flowing Moroccan passed the bell more than two seconds inside schedule to break Briton Steve Cram's four-year-old mark of three minutes 46.32 seconds.

But he could not sustain the pace running alone over the final lap and crossed the line in 3:50.09 — second fastest in the world this year.

Reporters touring the main Games com-

Berger takes provisional pole spot in Belgium

SCHAEREN, BELGIUM. Aug 25. (Reuter): Austrian Gerhard Berger produced an awesome demonstration of his bravery and skill today as he took provisional pole position for the Belgian Grand Prix motor race in treacherously wet conditions.

Berger, driving with a boldness not to be expected from the survivor of an horrific accident only four months ago, dominated the rain-hit opening qualifying session in his Ferrari.

Having recorded an early quickest time after only 12 minutes of the interrupted

session, he was forced to lift his performance again when Brazilian world champion Ayrton Senna briefly usurped his place at the top of the timings.

Berger responded immediately by clocking a best time of two minutes 11.102 seconds, leaving Senna's McLaren to share

the provisional front row with him from second position.

Senna finished with a best time of 2:11.171 at the end of a session cut in two by a 15-minute interruption caused by the removal of Michele Alboreto's Lola from a sandtrap.

The veteran Italian had spun off and was

unable to restart. He was unharmed.

Berger's British Ferrari team-mate Nigel Mansell, seeking to press home a late challenge for the championship after his fine win in Hungary, finished with the third quickest time.

Italian Riccardo Patrese was fourth.

quickest in a Williams.

For Berger, a lucky survivor of a high-speed fireball crash at the San Marino Grand Prix at Imola in April, it was the third time he has taken provisional pole on a magnificent 6.94 km circuit in the Ardennes.

Italian Riccardo Patrese was fourth.

England's joy tempered as Gooch is out for a duck

Australia 468 in first innings

LONDON. Aug 25. (Reuter): England enjoyed three hours of rare success in the Ashes series, capturing Australia's last seven wickets for 123, before Terry Alderman joined them back down to earth in the sixth and final Test at the Oval yesterday.

Australia slipped from their overnight 325 for three to 468 all out in overcast conditions on the second day, but Alderman struck back by dismissing opener Graham Gooch for nought in the opening over.

England were one for one wicket when deteriorating light finally forced the players off 35 minutes before the scheduled tea interval. Rain set in soon afterwards and prevented any further play.

England, 4-0 down in a series in which they have been thoroughly outplayed, checked Australia's apparent march to another huge total through the efforts of their four pace bowlers.

All-rounder David Capel and new ball pair Gladstone Small and Alan Iglesden accounted for middle order trio Allan Border (76), Dean Jones (122) and Steve Waugh (14) respectively, while medium-pacer Derek Pringle polished off the tail to finish with four for 70.

Australia's final total made the only side in Test history to

score more than 400 in the first innings eight times in succession. They made 401 and 151 in the last two matches of 1988-89 home series against West Indies followed by 601, 528, 424, 447, 602 and 468 in the current Tests.

England's reply had lasted four deliveries, including a no ball, when Gooch shuffled across his stumps, played round a straight delivery and was lbw, giving Alderman his 35th wicket of the series.

Gooch has now managed 32 runs in his last five Test innings, a sequence that was extended here despite missing the previous Test to try to recover his form in county cricket.

His failure thrust Mike Atherton into the firing line early on once again. The Lancashire batsman faced the fifth and 10th balls of each innings on his debut in the previous Test.

However, conditions had become so gloomy that Atherton and debutant John Stephenson instantly accepted the umpires' offer to go off for bad light after one over and four balls.

When Border and Jones resumed in the morning, they increased their fourth wicket stand by 20 to 196 before Australia's innings subsided.

Yesterday Australia suffered a few unaccustomed problems



Jones waves to the crowd after completing his ton.

from the English bowlers in the first half of the day after Border won the toss, and a score of 149 for three in the second session represented considerable success

by England in the context of previous wretched performances.

Gladstone Small and Iglesden, who shared the new ball, accounted for Geoff Marsh (17), Mark Taylor (71) and David Boon (46), but Border and Jones put the touring team firmly in the ascendancy.

Australia's first innings totals in the previous five Tests have been 601, 528, 424, 447 and 602 — a sequence of high scoring that Border showed by the determination of his own innings he was intent on extending.

Border, using characteristically excellent footwork against left-arm spinner Nick Cook, and Jones, driving handsomely and playing fluently off his legs, carried the attack to the bowlers in a stand of mounting authority.

The Australian captain reached his half century with his eighth four from 98 deliveries, while Jones completed his second hundred of the series shortly before yesterday's close from 119 balls with his 14th four.

Australia were unchanged for the fifth consecutive Test, while England gave first caps to both Iglesden and opener John Stephenson, omitting off-spinner Eddie Hemmings and batsman Nasser Hussain from their 13.

Scoreboard

AUSTRALIA first innings

G. Marsh c Iglesden b Small	17
M. Taylor c Russell b Iglesden	71
D. Boon c Atherton b Small	46
A. Border c Russell b Capel	75
D. Jones c Gower b Small	122
S. Waugh b Iglesden	14
I. Healy c Russell b Pringle	44
T. Hohns c Russell b Pringle	30
M. Hughes lbw b Pringle	21
T. Alderman not out	6
Extras (b-1 lb-9 nb-9)	19
Total	468
Fall of wickets: 1-48 2-130 3-140 4-345 5-347 6-386 7-409 8-447 9-453	

Bowling: Small 40-8-141-3, Iglesden 24-2-81-2, Pringle 24-3-70-4, Capel 16-2-66-1, Cook 25-5-78-0, Atherton 1-0-10-0, Gooch 2-1-2-0

ENGLAND first innings

G. Gooch b Alderman	0
J. Stephenson not out	0
M. Atherton not out	0
Extras (nb-1)	1
Total (for one wicket)	1
Fall of wickets: 1-1	
To bat: R. Smith, D. Gower, D. Capel, J. Russell, D. Pringle, G. Small, A. Iglesden, N. Cook	
Bowling to date: Alderman 1-0-1-1, Lawson 0-0-0-0	

Lawson set to capture fourth title

BRNO, CZECHOSLOVAKIA. Aug 25. (Reuter): American Eddie Lawson is cautiously optimistic of winning his fourth 500 cc world championship at the Czechoslovak Motorcycle Prix on Sunday.

Completing the round robin competition with three straight victories, Singapore has dominated the water polo rivalry since it was introduced in 1965.

The Filipinos failed to turn up for their matches today after they were believed to have decided on the pull out special meeting last night.

The technical committee later decided to award walkovers to their opponents in today's quarterfinals.

Yesterday, Philippines coach Emmanuel Tecson requested to substitute a player for Rod Rafael, who was said to be hav-

ing a fever, but this appeal was turned down. The Philippines then gave a walkover to Victor Pereira of Singapore.

Also yesterday, Singapore topped Malaysia in a tense-water polo match to stretch its unbeaten streak to 25 years in the Southeast Asian Games event.

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"I thought this would be an accommodating year in a new team for me," the 31-year-old Californian said today. "Instead I have another chance of winning the title."

Lawson admitted he had expected to spend the season adjusting to riding with Honda after switching from rivals Yamaha last winter having won the world championship in 1984, 1986 and 1988.

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Lawson's Honda teammate Wayne Gardner of Australia, world champion in 1987, who has had a frustrating season after suffering a serious leg injury in April, has won the race on the 5,394-km track in Brno in each of the last two years.

But Lawson, Rainey and Gardner will again find it difficult to beat tough Texan Kevin Schantz.

Despite having won four races this year to Rainey's three, Lawson is refusing to take anything for granted.

"I shall believe I have won the title only when I collect enough points," he said. "It may be on Sunday but I'm not going to think about it. I want to ride the best I can and win the race if possible."

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The outbreak of the killer disease, the third in Spain in the past two years, has already caused the deaths of at least 130 horses with the toll expected to rise to 200.

IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch is not optimistic about Barcelona's chances of staging the equestrian events.